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# LAMBERT GUNNING FORTON

**Simon Walter**

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RICKIE Lambert can celebrate Christmas with the perfect present in his home city today – three points and his 100th Saints league goal.

The 31-year-old is just one away from his century after reaching 99 with two in as many games against Spurs and Cardiff.

And it would be all the sweeter for Lambert to bring up three figures against Everton at Goodison Park as he supported Liverpool as a boy – and has a Liver Bird tattooed on his arm to prove it.

Lambert, who was brought up in the borough of Kirkby, reached a century of league and cup goals for Saints at Newcastle 14 months ago and currently has 109 in all competitions.

Reaching 100 league goals would see the Liverpool-born No. 7 join a similarly illustrious post-war pantheon, which includes seven players, headed by Mick Channon on 185 league goals.

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*Rickie one goal away from joining exclusive Saints club*



LATE CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Rickie Lambert will be aiming to hit his 100th league goal for Saints tomorrow.

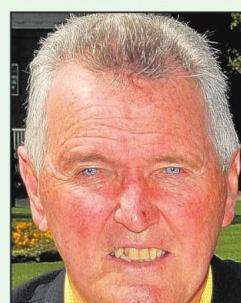


## SAINTS



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# Saints Spotlight

## Cech eyeing Blues record

PETER Cech believes success for Chelsea in tomorrow's Barclays Premier League crunch clash with Liverpool is dependent on having a miserly defence as the goalkeeper eyes another landmark.

Following clean sheets against Arsenal and Swansea, the Czech goalkeeper, pictured below, is aiming to match Peter Bonetti's club record of 208 on his 456th appearance. Bonetti made 729 Blues appearances.

It will not be easy at Stamford Bridge against a Liverpool side who have netted 43 goals in the Premier League this season, including 19 in 13 games for Luis Suarez.

Cech, who recorded his 150th Premier League shutout on Monday at Arsenal, said: "It is a great milestone for a goalkeeper and I am one clean sheet away from Peter Bonetti's all-time record."

"It would obviously be fantastic to get that in the Liverpool game."



The Liverpool contest is Chelsea's ninth match in December in a month where Jose Mourinho's men – who play Saints at St Mary's on New Year's Day – have claimed five wins, lost twice and drawn once.

The last two matches – a goalless draw at Arsenal and a 1-0 defeat of Swansea – were the first time Chelsea had kept consecutive clean sheets in the Premier League this season.

Cech hopes the stubborn streak continues against a Liverpool side bidding to respond from their defeat at Mourinho's title favourites Manchester City.

"Beating Swansea with the other results that day was an important three points and now we are in a good position to go face to face with Liverpool," Cech added.

"You need everybody to do as much as possible to defend and not give away cheap goals because, as the fatigue accumulates in this hectic period, it becomes more difficult to find the energy to overturn games."

Chelsea will be without midfielder Ramires, who is suspended for one game after picking up a fifth booking of the season against Swansea.

Frank Lampard is likely to return to the starting line-up in place of Ramires, while Cesar Azpilicueta and Gary Cahill are in line to return in defence at the expense of Ashley Cole and David Luiz.

**THREE goals in four second-half minutes meant Barclays Premier League strugglers West Ham and West Brom had to settle for a share of the spoils from a 3-3 draw at Upton Park.**

West Ham manager Sam Allardyce had labelled the game a 'must win' for his side, who remain 19th in the table and without a league victory in December.

Joe Cole seemed to alleviate the pre-game nerves for the Hammers when he scored early on, only for Nicolas Anelka to score his first two West Brom goals before the interval.

Anelka, who was Allardyce's talisman during his latter days as Bolton boss, had not featured for the Baggies in over two months but was named as one of six changes to Keith Downing's starting line-up from the Boxing Day draw at Tottenham.

The visitors, who visit Saints in two weeks' time, had looked comfortable at 2-1 but two goals in two minutes from half-time substitute Modibo Maiga and skipper Kevin Nolan put West Ham back in front.

Downing's side did not let their heads drop and were back in the game almost instantly with a very smart finish from Saido Berahino.

The two sides met less than 48 hours after both had been involved in tough Boxing Day fixtures and, with neither side in any sort of form, a draw was arguably the most likely outcome.

West Brom captain Chris Brunt had a great chance to open the scoring after just four minutes as he arrived unmarked at the back post but could only fire James Morrison's cross in to the side netting.

Cole went one better moments later as Jussi Jaaskelainen's goal kick found its way to the midfielder courtesy of Carlton Cole and Nolan, with the former Liverpool man finishing low under Ben Foster for his third goal of the campaign.

Allardyce has been struggling with injuries to his defensive line in recent weeks and he lost James Tomkins to what looked like a groin problem with only ten minutes on the clock.

Guy Demel replaced Tomkins in a Hammers back four which no longer contained any recognised central defenders.

The Hammers may have had less penetration in the first half but they created much more as an attacking



**MOBBED:** West Brom's Nicolas Anelka celebrates with teammates after scoring his side's second goal.

## WINLESS MONTH FOR HAMMERS

force, Carlton Cole was proving a constant threat and Demel clipped a post from close range at the end of a flowing move before West Brom made their own pressure count.

Brunt poked a perfectly-weighted through pass in to the path of Anelka, who timed his run well before side-footing the ball past the on-rushing Jaaskelainen to level proceedings and become the eighth player to score for six different Premier League clubs.

The former Chelsea and Arsenal striker added his second in first-half injury time following a disputed corner which was poorly defended by West Ham.

Anelka reacted quickest to Carlton Cole's goal-line clearance from Jonas Olsson's header to beat Jaaskelainen and put the visitors in front at the break.

Allardyce introduced Maiga at half-time with Carlton Cole, who

had been cautioned towards the end of the half, making way.

However, it was West Brom who started brightly once more and Anelka came close to scoring his hat-trick inside the opening two minutes of the second half.

Billy Jones skipped past Razvan Rat with ease and pulled the ball back towards the former France international, whose effort was kept out by Jaaskelainen at his near post.

Berahino arrowed a low effort wide five minutes later as the Baggies, who had made six changes as opposed to West Ham's two, remained the fresher side.

Foster had been largely untroubled in the West Brom goal but that was all to change as the former Manchester United goalkeeper was forced into action just after the hour-mark as he pushed away Maiga's curling effort at full stretch to keep his side ahead.

Moments later, however, Maiga got the better of Foster as he gathered a pass from Nolan and bent in a low shot that went through the diving goalkeeper.

The equalising goal had the home fans singing en masse for the first time in the game and the tempo was raised even higher just two minutes later as Nolan bundled the Hammers in front once again.

Maiga was heavily involved once more as he headed back across goal where Nolan was on hand to turn the ball home.

The delirium amongst the West Ham supporters was short-lived as Berahino rifled an effort in off the post to draw the teams level with 20 minutes remaining.

Brunt almost capitalised on defensive indecisiveness from West Ham to put the Baggies back in front but his powerful volley was struck straight at Jaaskelainen, who held the ball well.

The experienced Finn, recalled by Allardyce following Adrian's shaky display against Arsenal, was left stranded shortly afterwards as Berahino struck a free-kick which cracked off the post.

That proved to be the closest either side could come to mustering a winning goal with both having reasons to be upset at having to go home with just a point apiece.

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# Saints Spotlight



# J-ROD: I WANT TO PUT BITE ON TOFFEES

**Saints striker has score to settle**

POINT TO PROVE: Jay Rodriguez.

**JAY Rodriguez is hoping Saints can erase the memory of last season's dismal trip to Goodison Park when they visit Everton tomorrow.**

Despite taking an early lead away to the Toffees during the previous campaign, Saints, who were then under manager Nigel Adkins' leadership, were comprehensively beaten 3-1, writes GORDON SIMPSON.

The gulf between the two sides that day was even greater than the scoreline suggested, but Southampton have improved enormously since then.

Rodriguez is therefore hoping that the players can prove a point to an Everton team that have also taken strides forward.

"It's important," he said. "Obviously, we'll never forget last year and some of the performances and results."

"Everton are a great side. We know what task is in hand,

and we just want to put that right

and hopefully get the three points."

Under Roberto Martinez, Everton have enjoyed a superb season so far, and they head into this weekend's clash in fifth position.

They did, however, lose their first home league match of the campaign – and, in fact, the entire calendar year – when Sunderland beat them 1-0 on Boxing Day.

"Everton are a great side and they're doing really well at the moment, so it's going to be a tough game to go to, but I think we can take the way we play and our confidence and hope-

fully get the three points," said Rodriguez.

Saints will only be three days removed from their trip to Cardiff when they kick off at Goodison Park, but Rodriguez is pleased about the quick turnaround.

"The way we treat it is that it's an opportunity to go and work our way up the table, so in fact it's maybe a good thing there's a game coming round the corner," said the forward, who will be hoping to add to his tally of eight Premier League goals.

"I'm very happy," he said. "I just want to keep improving, keep getting the chances and keep converting them into goals."

## City made to work for top spot

The hosts finally broke the deadlock through Edin Dzeko's 50th City goal after 66 minutes.

That was as good as it got for City, who have now netted a record 54 goals in the first 19 fixtures of the season.

Defending champions Manchester United claimed a 1-0 win at Norwich to return to sixth in the table, seven points behind City.

With Everton, Newcastle and Tottenham in action on Sunday, United had an opportunity to enhance their position in the standings, but were

second best in the opening half at Carrow Road.

Danny Welbeck replaced Ryan Giggs at half-time and netted after 57 minutes after Ryan Bennett's clearance ricocheted off Javier Hernandez and into the substitute's path.

Welbeck rounded John Ruddy before tucking in for his fourth goal in four Premier League games.

United, without striker Wayne Rooney in Norfolk, held on to claim a seventh straight win in all competitions.

Hull scored four times in the opening 23 minutes of the second half in their 6-0 defeat of Fulham, who have lost nine of their last 11 top-flight fixtures.

Ahmed Elmohamady, Robert Koren, George Boyd and Tom Huddlestone were on target, before Matty Fryatt and Koren, with his second, made it six in a miserable Fulham performance.

Huddlestone's goal came on his 27th birthday and means the former Tottenham midfielder can now have a hair cut after a two-year scoring

Lambo out to join 100 club

● From front page

But not since Matt Le Tissier got to the landmark nearly 20 years ago has anyone added to its elite membership.

Lambert has scored his 99 from 188 league appearances (181 starts) but what makes his haul so special is that it includes goals in the top three divisions.

He has contributed more than anyone to the club's rise from the foot of League One to the top half of the Premier League since his arrival from Bristol Rovers in August 2009.

The breakdown includes 51 goals in League One, 27 in the Championship and 21 in the Premier League, with five hat-tricks; the first at MK Dons in his debut season and four Championship trebles, at home to Nottingham Forest and Brighton and away to Watford and Millwall.

His consistency over the last four and a half seasons is also shown by the fact his goals have come at a healthy rate of one every 155 minutes (League One), 131 minutes (Championship) and 214 minutes (Premier League).

### SAINTS WITH A CENTURY OF LEAGUE GOALS FOR THE CLUB

Mick Channon	185
Matt Le Tissier	161
Terry Paine	160
George O'Brien	154
Eric Day	147
Derek Reeves	145
Ron Davies	134
Rickie Lambert	99



MANCHESTER City climbed to the top of the Barclays Premier League for the first time this season with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Crystal Palace.

Free-scoring City knew a tenth win from ten home games would send them to the summit, with second-placed Arsenal playing at Newcastle on Sunday, when third-placed Chelsea meet fourth-placed Liverpool.

But relegation-threatened Palace caused City a scare and goalkeeper Joe Hart suffered a cut around his eye after diving at the feet of Cameron Jerome to thwart the visitors as the hosts were held to 0-0 at half-time.

**WINNER: Dzeko.**

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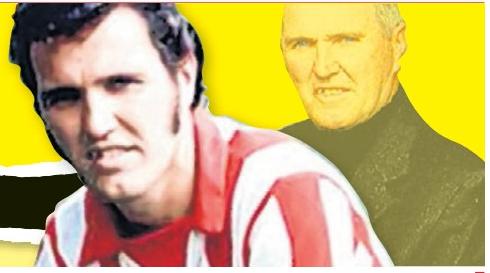
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# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



**HAPPY BAND:** Blue is the colour, but Chelsea players and their fans have had a lot to smile about over the years – thanks to massive overseas investment.

# ROMAN INVASION

**WHEN** Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich bought Chelsea in 2003, no one could have predicted the influence it would have over the next 10 years.

The Blues spent big in the very next transfer window, splashing out an unprecedented £121 million, and won the Premier League for the first time in their history the next season before winning it again a year later.

After the success of Abramovich's investment, many other businessmen started to buy, or bought more, shares of clubs.

Some of the more high-profile takeovers included Malcolm Glazer buying Manchester United, Tom Hicks and George Gillett acquiring Liverpool (who sold to John W. Henry, founder of Fenway Sports Group, just three years later in another well-publicised move), and Randy Lerner purchasing Aston Villa.

As it stands, 11 clubs in England's top flight are majority owned by foreign investors, with another 15 clubs in the Football League also having foreign owners. Thirteen of these are in The Championship and five of those have been in the Premier League under their current owners.

Whilst not all of these moves have brought success to the clubs, it definitely increased the already

## Abramovich changed English football forever

huge profile of the Premier League exponentially.

It also contributed to making English sides more competitive in European competition, with a minimum of one Premier League side making it to the Champions League semi-finals eight times in nine years. Three of those sides went on to win the tournament and five were losing finalists.

### REGULATE SPENDING

Not all of these sides had foreign owners, but the influx of them in the Premier League meant other teams had to adapt, usually by changing their playing style to make it more effective against bigger clubs.

At the time, Chelsea were accused of "buying the title" and spending excessive amounts. It could be argued that this led to the introduction of Financial Fair Play (FFP), which UEFA introduced to regulate spending, but to squarely put the blame on Abramovich wouldn't be fair on him, nor on other foreign owners who bought Premier League clubs

soon after.

The criticism doesn't stop there. In 2008, much-maligned FIFA president Sepp Blatter claimed that the "economic power of football is immense" and that the investment in the sport is out of control.

Richard Bevan, head of the League Managers' Association (LMA), said in March 2012 that Chelsea had become an "embarrassment" to the Premier League after Abramovich sacked manager Andre Villas-Boas just 257 days after he took charge of the club.

In a survey by Global Sports Forum published around the same time as Bevan's comments, it was found that similar sentiments were echoed by fans.

Fifty-two per

cent of the 3,500 fans polled said that overseas owners do not have the best interests of a club at heart, whilst 63 per cent said they don't want foreign owners in their domestic league.

Hull City fans would likely agree with these stories after their Egyptian owner Assem Allam said that some fans can "die as soon as they want" after they opposed his idea to rename the club Hull Tigers from Hull City.

At recent home matches, fans have been holding banners saying "We are Hull City" and chanting "City till we die" in response to the proposed name change, causing Allam to make those comments.

The Egyptian has already rebranded the club Hull City Tigers for trading purposes, much to the disdain of the KC Stadium faithful. He also said he would be happy to put the club up for sale if the fans wanted him out, an offer that could very well be explored in the near future.

In a somewhat less controversial move, Arsenal shareholder Alisher Usmanov,

who owns 30 per cent of the club, recently said that foreign owners are good for English football.

The Russian added that investors pumping money into the British economy can only be a good thing, and that, if a team is successful, then there should be no issue with foreign owners.

This may be true for clubs like Arsenal with a long history and richer investors, but not for smaller clubs like Birmingham City (majority owned by Hong Kong businessman Carson Yeung) and Queens Park Rangers (majority owned by Malaysian Tony Fernandes) who have suffered relegations since being bought.

### IMMEDIATE SUCCESS

Simply put, new found riches won't always guarantee immediate success.

As many have found and many more will discover, even when an owner has the very best intentions, and one doesn't have to look much further than the above mentioned Mr Fernandes, money has to be spent correctly. Success takes time – Abramovich bought a club already competing in the top four and transformed them into title winners.

Football these days is big business. Foreign ownership may not be popular amongst all of us, but it's certainly something we'll have to get used to.



ROMAN ABRAMOVICH

# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/14



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<b>AUGUST</b>																
Sat 17	West Brom .....	(A)	<b>W 1-0</b>	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert 1	Ramirez*	
Sat 24	Sunderland .....	(H)	<b>D 1-1</b>	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte 1	Lovren	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Lallana**	Rodriguez	Lambert Mayuka*** 1	S Davis**	Cork***
Tue 27	Barnsley (CCC 2) .....	(A)	<b>W 5-1</b>	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis 2	Isgrove*	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez**	Ramirez	Osvaldo**	Ramirez***
Sat 31	Norwich .....	(A)	<b>L 0-1</b>	Boruc	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin**	W-Prowse	Osvaldo***	Lallana*	Lambert	S Davis**	Sinclair***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
Sun 15	West Ham .....	(H)	<b>D 0-0</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez	Lallana*	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Chambers**	
Sat 21	Liverpool .....	(A)	<b>W 1-0</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren 1	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	Rodriguez***	Osvaldo	Lambert*	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Cork***
Tues 24	Bristol City (CCC 3) (H)		<b>W 2-0</b>	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox	Wanyama	S Davis***	W-Prowse	Ramirez 1	Rodriguez**	Rodriguez*	Reed**	Rowe***
Sat 28	Crystal Palace .....	(H)	<b>W 2-0</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Osvaldo 1	Lallana**	Lambert** 1	Rodriguez**	Ramirez***
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
Sat 5	Swansea .....	(H)	<b>W 2-0</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1	Do Prado***
Sat 19	Man United .....	(A)	<b>D 1-1</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Osvaldo	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**	Do Prado***
Sat 26	Fulham .....	(H)	<b>W 2-0</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez 1	Lambert**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez**	Cork***
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
Sat 2	Stoke .....	(A)	<b>D 1-1</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Osvaldo*	Lallana 1	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez** 1	Do Prado***
Wed 6	Sunderland (CCC 4) .....	(A)	<b>L 1-2</b>	K Davis	Chambers	Fonte	Yoshida 1	Fox	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana 1	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	W-Prowse**	Cork***
Sat 9	Hull .....	(H)	<b>W 4-1</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez 1	Lallana 1	Lambert** 1	Rodriguez**	Gallagher***
Sat 23	Arsenal .....	(A)	<b>L 0-2</b>	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Ramirez 1	Lallana 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez**	Cork***
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
Sun 1	Chelsea .....	(A)	<b>L 1-3</b>	Boruc*	Clyne	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez* 1	Lallana	Lambert	Ramirez*	
Wed 4	Aston Villa .....	(H)	<b>L 2-3</b>	Gazzaniga	Clyne***	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Ramirez***	Lallana	Lambert*	Gazzaniga*	
Sat 7	Manchester City .....	(H)	<b>D 1-1</b>	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Lallana**	Lambert*	Osvaldo* 1	Cork**
Sat 14	Newcastle .....	(A)	<b>D 1-1</b>	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Lovren	Shaw	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 1	Lallana**	Lambert** 1	Ramirez**	Reed***
Sat 21	Tottenham .....	(A)	<b>L 2-3</b>	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox***	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez*** 1	Lallana 1	Lambert 1	Ramirez**	Gallagher***
Thu 26	Cardiff .....	(A)	<b>W 3-0</b>	Gazzaniga	Chambers	Fonte		Shaw	Cork	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse*	Rodriguez 2 **	Lallana *	Lambert 1 ***	Ramirez**	Gallagher***
Sun 29	Everton .....	(A)														
<b>JANUARY</b>																
Wed 1	Chelsea .....	(H)														
Sat 4	Burnley (FAC 3) .....	(H)														
Sat 11	West Brom .....	(H)														
Sat 18	Sunderland .....	(A)														
Tue 28	Arsenal .....	(H)														
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																
Sat 1	Fulham .....	(A)														
Sat 8	Stoke .....	(H)														
Tue 11	Hull .....	(A)														
Sat 22	West Ham .....	(A)														
<b>MARCH</b>																
Sat 1	Liverpool .....	(H)														
Sat 8	Crystal Palace .....	(A)														
Sat 15	Norwich .....	(H)														
Sat 22	Tottenham .....	(A)														
Sat 29	Newcastle .....	(H)														
<b>APRIL</b>																
Sat 5	Manchester City .....	(A)														
Sat 12	Cardiff .....	(H)														
Sat 19	Aston Villa .....	(A)														
Sat 26	Everton .....	(H)														
<b>MAY</b>																
Sat 3	Swansea .....	(A)														
Sun 11	Man United .....	(H)														

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG			
<b>KELVIN DAVIS</b>	0	0	3	0	286(1)	0		<b>JACK CORK</b>	4(5)	0	3	0	103(13)	0		<b>RICKIE LAMBERT</b>	15(3)	6	0	0	201(13)	109	
<b>PAULO GAZZANIGA</b>	5(1)	0	0	0	16(1)	0		<b>VICTOR WANYAMA</b>	14	0	0	0	14	0		<b>JAY RODRIGUEZ</b>	15(2)	8	2(1)	1	42(14)	18	
<b>ARTUR BORUC</b>	13	0	0	0	34	0		<b>MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN</b>	15(1)	1	0	0	0	182(29)	9		<b>DANI OSVALDO</b>	9(4)	3	0	0	9(4)	3
<b>NATHANIEL CLYNE</b>	11(1)	0	1	0	46(1)	1		<b>ADAM LALLANA</b>	18(1)	4	0(1)	0	0	0	54		<b>TADANARI LEE</b>	0	0	2	0	0	9(5)
<b>CALUM CHAMBERS</b>	7(1)	0	2	0	9(2)	0		<b>STEVEN DAVIS</b>	8(5)	1	3	2	34(16)	5		<b>EMMANUEL MAYUKA</b>	0	0	1	1	0	3(10)	
<b>DEJAN LOVREN</b>	16	1	0	0	16	1		<b>JAMES WARD-PROWSE</b>	11(7)	0	1(1)	0	0	22(20)	1		<b>BILLY SHARP</b>	0	0	0	0	0	12(6)
<b>JOSE FONTE</b>	15(1)	1	1	0	157(4)	13		<b>JASON PUNCHEON</b>	0	0	0	0	0	70(10)	10		<b>SAM GALLAGHER</b>	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0	0(4)
<b>JOS HOOIVELD</b>	3	0	2	1	71(3)	9		<b>LLOYD ISGROVE</b>	0	0	1	0	0	1(1)	0		<b>HARRISON REED</b>	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	0	1(3)
<b>MAYA YOSHIDA</b>	2	0	3	1	38(1)	1		<b>OMAR ROWE</b>	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0(2)	0								
<b>LUKE SHAW</b>	15(1)	0	0	0	39(6)	0		<b>JAKE SINCLAIR</b>	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0								
<b>DANNY FOX</b>	3	0	3	0	58(10)	1		<b>GASTON RAMIREZ</b>	0(7)	0	3	2	23(13)	7									
<b>JACK STEPHENS</b>	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0		<b>GULY DO PRADO</b>	0(3)	0	1	0	0	78(31)	22								

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

# Non-league Action

## Christmas miracle at the Silverlake

### EASTLEIGH 2 BATH CITY 1

Eastleigh pulled off a festive miracle at the Silverlake Stadium this afternoon to keep the heat on Skrill Conference South leaders Bromley, writes WENDY GEE.

The Spittires had Stuart Fleetwood sent off after 64 minutes but defied the odds to beat Bath City 2-1 with ten men.

Substitute Jamie Collins emerged as the afternoon's hero.

The gritty midfielder was not fit to start but came on and headed home a dramatic winner with just nine minutes of normal time remaining.

Eastleigh had taken the lead somewhat out of the blue on 16 minutes when BEN STREVENS' bullet header from Damian Batt's cross was ruled to have crossed the line after crashing off the wood-work.

Chris Dillon's goal-line clearance kept the lead intact, but Bath were playing some superb attacking football and were rewarded with a 29th minute equaliser when the impressive JOSH LOW side-footed home Andy Watkins' cross.

Fleetwood had a "goal" disallowed for pushing on 35 minutes, but Eastleigh looked distinctively second best at times in front of a 637 crowd.

Bath continued to threaten at the start of the second half and, after Adam Connolly had had two good early chances – one a header over and the other a shot superbly tipped over by Ross Flitney – Eastleigh manager Richard Hill had seen enough.

He made his first change of the afternoon, withdrawing Batt, switching Dan Spence to right-back and putting on attacking left-back Michael Green.

Bath continued to pose the bigger threat and, after another desperate goal-line clearance by skipper Glen Southam, frustration appeared to get the better of the Spittires when Fleetwood was shown a straight red for a retalia-



**POWER:** Stuart Fleetwood bursts through against Bath City. Daily Echo picture by Paul Collins Order no: 17727851

tory kick on Sekani Simpson.

The game was interrupted again for an injury to Bath's Dan Ball.

During the delay Eastleigh brought on Collins for Yemi Odubade and then Ball was stretchered off and replaced by Dan Bowman.

Eastleigh looked more organised in the wake of the stoppage and, for almost the first time in the game, forced Bath into a sustained spell of defending.

And suddenly what had looked like being a gloomy afternoon took a major turn for the better as the ten men regained the lead.

With nine minutes to go they were awarded a free kick some 25 yards out.

Jai Reason delivered and COLLINS, who had been on the pitch for little more than ten minutes, climbed to net a sensational header to the delight of the fans stationed behind the clubhouse



### NON-LEAGUE TABLES

(INCLUDING TODAY'S GAMES)

#### SKRILL PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	25	15	8	2	55	22	53
Cambridge Utd	24	15	7	2	37	10	52
Alfreton Town	26	15	1	10	44	43	46
Grimsby	23	13	4	6	37	23	43
Kidderminster	25	13	3	9	41	37	42
FC Halifax	26	12	5	9	50	39	41
Nuneaton	25	11	8	6	33	30	41
Salisbury	24	12	4	8	36	31	40
Barnet	25	10	9	6	35	26	39
Braintree Town	24	11	5	8	32	23	38
Gateshead	24	11	4	9	36	32	37
Macclesfield	24	10	5	9	35	33	35
Welling	24	9	7	8	34	32	34
Forest Green	23	10	3	10	42	35	33
Wrexham	24	9	5	10	42	38	32
Woking	24	8	5	11	31	37	29
Hereford	24	7	7	10	27	30	28
Lincoln City	24	7	6	11	24	33	27
Aldershot	24	10	5	9	38	33	27
Southport	24	6	5	13	20	37	23
Chester FC	25	4	10	11	21	36	22
Tamworth	23	5	6	12	21	41	21
Dartford	26	5	3	18	23	49	18
Hyde	24	0	3	21	20	64	3

#### SKRILL SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bromley	21	16	3	2	45	13	50
Eastleigh	18	12	3	3	25	13	39
Ebbwfield United	20	9	7	4	34	19	34
Sutton Utd	21	9	6	6	36	22	33
Eastbourne	21	9	6	6	25	26	32
B Stortford	18	9	4	5	36	31	31
Bath City	18	8	4	6	27	20	30
Dover	19	9	2	8	24	16	29
Weston-S-Mare	22	8	5	5	29	29	28
Staines Town	20	9	2	9	26	31	29
Hayes & Yead	20	9	1	10	24	24	28
Basingstoke	19	9	1	9	28	23	28
Havant and W	19	7	6	3	31	25	27
Concord Rangers	19	6	7	6	25	27	25
Farnborough	20	7	3	10	31	40	24
Chelmsford	21	7	3	11	21	41	24
Boreham Wood	21	5	6	10	26	31	21
Maidenhead Utd	20	5	6	9	26	32	21
Tonbridge Angels	18	6	3	9	23	34	21
Whitehawk	20	4	6	10	23	34	18
Gosport Borough	17	4	3	10	14	25	15
Dorchester	20	4	3	13	18	43	15

#### CALOR SOUTHERN PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hemel Hempstead	23	18	3	2	79	17	57
Cambridge City	24	16	4	4	49	24	52
Chesham	24	15	4	5	57	28	49
Bideford	22	11	8	3	48	30	41
Poole Town	18	12	5	1	37	19	41
Stourbridge	21	12	2	7	58	24	38
St Albans	20	11	4	5	44	27	37
Biggleswade Tn	24	9	6	4	37	33	36
Arlesey	23	9	7	4	40	38	34
Banbury	23	10	4	9	40	38	34
Hitchin	22	9	5	8	35	28	32
Hungerford Town	20	10	1	9	35	24	31
Burnham	23	8	7	8	32	37	31
Redditch	26	10	1	15	35	60	31
Weymouth	21	9	3	9	31	37	30
Corby	20	8	5	7	30	32	29
Truro City	25	7	7	11	32	49	28
Chippenham	23	6	3	14	32	57	21
St Neots Town	24	6	2	16	35	47	20
Frome Town	22	5	5	12	28	47	20
Bedford Town	24	3	6	16	29	69	14
AFC Totton	22	3	2	17	27	73	11
Bashley	20	1	2	17	15	62	5

#### CALOR SOUTHERN DIVISION ONE SW

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cirencester Town	22	17	1	4	56	27	52
Merthyr Town	23	16	2	5	56	38	50
Mangotsfield United	23	14	4	5	45	25	46
Paulton Rovers	22	14	3	5	57	33	45
Tiverton Town	21	12	5	4	44	30	41
North Leigh	22	13	1	8	43	21	40
Yate Town	21	11	4	6	41	36	37
Sw Supermarine	20	10	5	5	41	23	35
Wimborne Town	23	10	4	5	51	39	34
Bridgwater Town	22	9	5	8	35	33	32
Shortwood United	20	9	4	7	44	27	31
Taunton Town	22	8	5	9	38	34	29
Stratford Town	23	8	4	11	50	44	28
Cinderford Town	23	7	9	4	40	39	28
Evesham United	23	6	8	9	35	46	26
Clevedon Town	22	7	3	12	30	45	24
Didcot Town	22	6	4	12	33	52	22
Godalming Town	20	7	1	12	24	43	22
Thatcham Town	22	5	5	12	21	50	20
Bishops Cleeve	21	6	0	15	32	55	18
Guildford City	22	3	2	17	27	74	11
Fleet Town	21	1	5	15	15	52	8

#### SYDENHAMS PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing	20	18	2	0	73	12	56
Winchester City	24	17	3	4	64	21	54
Newport (IOW)	24	15	5	4	66	27	50
Blackfield & Langley	23	15	3	5	51	27	48
Alresford Town	22	14	3	5	63	35	45
Whitchurch United	24	13	4	7	42	29	43
AFC Portchester	22	11	8	3	54	23	41
Bemerton HH	24	12	2	10	65	45	38
Moneyfields	22	11	5	6	36	26	38
Folland Sports	23	11	6	4	69	34	36
Lymington Town	25	11	2	12	46	55	35
Brockenhurst	24	9	5	10	41	52	32
Fareham Town	17	8	4	5	36	40	28
Horndean	24	8	4	12	40	49	28
Christchurch	23	8	2	13	35	46	26
Hamworthy United	24	7	5	11	29	37	23
Verwood Town	22	6	5	11	28	32	21
Totton & Eling	24	6	0	18	29	79	18
Bournemouth	23	5	2	16	34	58	17
Downton	26	4	4	18	29	82	16
Fawley	25	4	3	18	32	76	15
Romsey Town	25	2	3	20	23	69	9



FOUR GOALS: Lee Wort. Picture: Ray Routledge

Lee Wort scored four times and Ashley Jarvis notched a hat-trick as Sholing went on a Sydenhams League goal bonanza, thrashing Downton 12-1 at the Silverlake Arena.

It was a record Wessex Premier Division win by Sholing, who were 7-1 up at half-time and even fluffed a first half penalty, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

Downton, who struggled to field a side and had only one substitute on the bench, fell behind to a fourth minute free kick by MARC DIAPER, which goalkeeper Charlie Aldridge could only

parry into the corner.

Sholing doubled their lead through WORT when he was put through in the tenth minute, but Downton hit back with a well-taken response from DECLAN McGREGOR.

A rare headed goal by TYRONNE BOWERS restored Sholing's two-goal advantage before ALEX SAWYER made it 4-1.

Mid-way through a one-sided first half WORT scored Sholing's fifth.

By half-time Sholing were out of sight – JARVIS scoring a sixth and WORT the seventh goal



# SPORTSCALENDAR 2014

## JANUARY

### ATHLETICS

25 Glasgow: International Match

### BASKETBALL

12 Birmingham: BBL Cup final

16 NBA, London: Atlanta Hawks v Brooklyn Nets

### CRICKET

3-7 Sydney: 5th Test, Australia v England

12 Melbourne: 1st ODI, Australia v England

17 Brisbane: 2nd ODI, Australia v England

19 Sydney: 3rd ODI, Australia v England

22 ICC World Cup qualifiers: Canada v Scotland; Kenya v Netherlands

24 Perth: 4th ODI, Australia v England

26 Adelaide: 5th ODI, Australia v England

29 Hobart: 1st T20, Australia v England

31 Melbourne: 2nd T20, Australia v England

### CYCLING

21-26 Adelaide: Tour Down Under

### DARTS

Dec 3-1 London: Ladbrokes World Championship

4-12 Frimley Green: BDO World Championship

### GOLF

3-6 Hawaii: Hyundai Tournament of Champions

9-12 Hawaii: Sony Open

16-19 California: Humana Challenge

### ICE SKATING

17-19 Dresden: Short Track European Championships

### MOTORSPORT

16-19 Monte Carlo Rally

### RACING

1 Cheltenham: New Year Meeting  
18 Ascot: Victor Chandler Chase  
25 Cheltenham: Trials meeting

### RUGBY UNION

9-12 Amlin Challenge Cup 5th round  
10-12 Heineken Cup 5th round  
16-19 Amlin Challenge Cup 6th round  
17-19 Heineken Cup 6th round

### SAILING

2-7 Rio de Janeiro: International Regatta

### SNOOKER

12-19 York: The Masters  
24-26 London: Snooker Shoot-out  
29-Feb 2 Berlin: German Masters

### SOCCER

3-6 FA Cup third round  
7-8 Capital One Cup semi-final first legs  
21-22 Capital One Cup semi-final second legs

### TENNIS

1-5 Doha: Qatar ExxonMobil Open  
13-26 Melbourne: Australian Open

## FEBRUARY

### ATHLETICS

8-9 Sheffield: British Athletics Indoor Championships  
15 Birmingham: British Athletics Indoor Grand Prix

### CRICKET

2 Sydney: 3rd T20, Australia v England  
25 TBC: Vice Chancellor's XI v England  
28 Antigua: 1st ODI, West Indies v England

### GOLF

6-9 California: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am  
19-23 Arizona: WGC Accenture Match Play Championship  
27-Mar 2 Florida: The Honda Classic

### MOTOR CYCLING

23 Phillip Island: World Superbikes

### MOTOR RACING

6-9 Swedish Rally

### RACING

8 Newbury: Bettina Hurdle  
15 Ascot: Ascot Chase  
22 Kempton: Kempton Park Chase

### RUGBY LEAGUE

7 Super League season starts  
22 Sydney: World Club Challenge: Sydney Roosters v Wigan.

## RUGBY UNION

- 1 RBS 6 Nations: Wales v Italy (2.30); France v England (5pm)
- 2 RBS 6 Nations: Ireland v Scotland (3pm)
- 8 RBS 6 Nations: Ireland v Wales (2.30); Scotland v England (5pm)
- 9 RBS 6 Nations: France v Italy (3pm)
- 21 RBS 6 Nations: Wales v France (8pm)
- 22 RBS 6 Nations: Italy v Scotland (1.30); England v Ireland (4pm)

### SNOOKER

19-Mar 2 Newport: Welsh Open

### SOCCER

- 8 William Hill Scottish Cup 5th round
- 15-17 FA Cup 5th round
- 18-19 Champions League round of 16 first legs
- 20 Europa League round of 32 first legs
- 23 Nice: Euro 2016 qualifying draw
- 25-26 Champions League round of 16 first legs
- 27 Europa League round of 32 second legs

### TENNIS

- 10-16 Doha: Qatar Total Open
- 17-Mar 2 Dubai: Dubai Duty Free Championships

### MARCH

#### ATHLETICS

- 7-9 Sopot: World Indoor Championships
- 29 Copenhagen: World Half Marathon Championships

### CRICKET

- 2 2nd ODI, Antigua: West Indies v England
- 5 3rd ODI, Antigua: West Indies v England
- 9 1st T20, Barbados: West Indies v England
- 11 2nd T20, Barbados: West Indies v England
- 13 3rd T20, Barbados: West Indies v England
- 16-Apr 6 Bangladesh: ICC World Twenty20

### CYCLING

9-16 France: Paris-Nice

### GOLF

- 20-23 Florida: Arnold Palmer Invitational
- 27-30 Texas: Valero Texas Open

### ICE HOCKEY

29-30 Elite League play-offs

### MOTOR CYCLING

23 Losail: MotoGP

### MOTOR RACING

- 6-9 Mexican Rally
- 16 Melbourne: Australian Grand Prix F1
- 30 Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Grand Prix F1
- 30 Brands Hatch: British Touring Car Championship

**FEB 7-23**



**WINTER OLYMPICS SOCHI, RUSSIA**

## TENNIS

17-30 Miami: Sony Open

## APRIL

### ATHLETICS

13 London Marathon

21 Boston Marathon

### CYCLING

6 Belgium: Tour of Flanders

18-19 Manchester: UCI BMX Supercross World Cup

### GOLF

3-6 Texas: Shell Houston Open

10-13 Georgia: The Masters

17-20 South Carolina: RBC Heritage

24-27 Louisiana: Zurich Classic of New Orleans

### ICE HOCKEY

5-6 Nottingham: Elite League finals weekend.

### MOTOR CYCLING

13 Aragon: World Superbikes

13 Circuit of The Americas: World MotoGP

21 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes

27 Assen: World Superbikes

27 Termas de Rio Hondo: MotoGP

### MOTOR RACING

3-6 Portuguese Rally

6 Bahrain: Bahrain Grand Prix

6 Marrakech: World Touring Car Championship

20 Shanghai: Chinese Grand Prix

20 Donington: British Touring Car Championship

### RACING

3-5 Aintree: Grand National meeting

5 Aintree: Grand National

12 Ayr: Scottish National

18 Lingfield: AW Championship Finals Day

26 Sandown: Bet365 Gold Cup

### ROWING

6 London: Boat Race

### RUGBY LEAGUE

6-7 Tetley's Challenge Cup 4th round

25-27 Tetley's Challenge Cup 5th round

### RUGBY UNION

3-6 Amlin Challenge Cup quarter-finals

4-6 Heineken Cup quarter-finals

25-27 Amlin Challenge Cup semi-finals

26-27 Heineken Cup semi-finals

### SNOOKER

19-May 5 Sheffield: World Championship

### SOCCER

1-2 Champions League quarter-final first legs

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES GLASGOW 2014: July 23-August 3

### THE HIGHLIGHTS

- July 23 Opening Ceremony
- Aug 1 Synchronised Diving 10m
- Aug 2 Diving 10m individual
- July 24 Swimming: 200m breaststroke
- July 25 Track cycling 4000m: pursuit
- July 26 Triathlon individuals
- July 27 Swimming: 4x100m freestyle
- July 28 Judo finals
- July 29 Para swimming: 100m breaststroke
- July 30 Swimming: 100m freestyle
- July 31 Marathon
- July 32 Track cycling: Keirin
- July 33 Rugby Sevens finals
- July 34 Shooting: Double Trap
- July 35 100m semis (men)
- July 36 Heptathlon (women)
- July 37 Swimming: 4x100m medley relay
- July 38 Gymnastics finals
- July 39 200m (m)
- July 40 Weightlifting: 105kg+ 4x100m relay round 1
- July 41 4x100m relay finals
- July 42 Boxing finals
- July 43 Hockey finals
- July 44 Table tennis finals
- July 45 Badminton finals
- July 46 Cycling: Time trials
- July 47 Squash finals
- Aug 3 Closing ceremony



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- 24 Wembley: League Two play-off final  
25 Wembley: League One play-off final  
26 Wembley: Championship play-off final  
28 European Under-21 qualifying, Paisley: Scotland v Netherlands

## TENNIS

- 5-11 Madrid: Mutua Madrid Open  
12-18 Rome: Internazionali BNL d'Italia  
19-25 Brussels: Brussels Open  
25-Jun 8 Paris: French Open

## JUNE

### ATHLETICS

- 5-6 Rome: Diamond League  
11 Oslo: Diamond League  
14 New York: Diamond League  
21-22 Braunschweig: European Team Championships  
27-29 Birmingham: British Athletics Championships

### CRICKET

- 3 5th ODI, Edgbaston: England v Sri Lanka  
12-16 1st Test, Lord's: England v Sri Lanka  
20-24 2nd Test, Headingly: England v Sri Lanka  
26-28 Tour match, Leicester: Leicestershire v India

### CYCLING

- 8-15 Critérium du Dauphiné  
26 Abergavenny: National Time Trial Championships  
29 Abergavenny: National Road Race Championships

### EQUESTRIAN

- 25-29 Hickstead: Hickstead Derby Show

### GOLF

- 5-8 Tennessee: FedEx St Jude Classic  
12-15 North Carolina: US Open  
19-22 Connecticut: Travelers Championship  
26-29 Maryland: AT&T National

### MOTOR CYCING

- 1 Mugello: MotoGP  
15 Snetterton: British Superbike Championship  
15 Barcelona: MotoGP  
22 Misano: World Superbikes  
29 Knockhill: British Superbike Championship

### MOTOR SPORT

- 8 Oulton Park: British Touring Car Championship  
9 Montreal: Canadian Grand Prix F1  
12 Styria: Austrian Grand Prix F1  
26-29 Polish Rally  
29 Croft: British Touring Car Championship

### RACING

- 6-7 Epsom: Derby Festival  
8 Epsom: Epsom Derby  
17-21 Ascot: Royal Ascot Festival  
28 Newcastle: Northumberland Plate

### ROWING

- 20-22 Aiguebelette: Rowing World Cup II

### RUGBY LEAGUE

- 6-8 Tetley's Challenge Cup quarter-finals

### RUGBY UNION

- 7 1st Test, Auckland: New Zealand v England  
14 2nd Test, Dunedin: New Zealand v England  
17 Christchurch: Crusaders v England  
21 3rd Test, Hamilton: New Zealand v England

### SAILING

- 1 Isle of Wight: Round the Island Race  
1-6 Dorset: Sail for Gold Regatta

### SOCCER

- 12-Jul 13 Brazil: World Cup

### TENNIS

- 9-15 London: AEGON Championships  
9-15 Birmingham: AEGON Classic  
16-22 Eastbourne: AEGON International  
23-Jul 6 Wimbledon: All England Championships

### JULY

### ATHLETICS

- 3 Lausanne: Diamond League  
5 Paris: Diamond League  
11-12 London: Diamond League  
18 Monaco: Diamond League  
22-27 Eugene: World Junior Championships

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

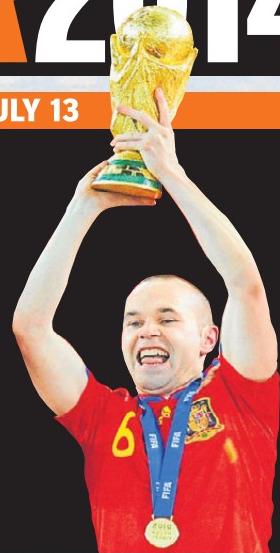
- 23-Aug 3 Glasgow 2014



## WORLD CUP BRAZIL 2014: JUNE 12-JULY 13

### THE 'UNMISSABLE' GAMES

June 12	Brazil v Croatia	9pm
June 13	Spain v Netherlands	8pm
June 14	Spain v Italy	11pm
June 16	Germany v Portugal	5pm
June 17	Brazil v Mexico	8pm
June 18	Germany v Netherlands	5pm
June 19	Uruguay v England	8pm
June 20	Switzerland v France	8pm
June 22	Belgium v Russia	5pm
June 23	Cameroon v Brazil	9pm
June 24	Costa Rica v England	5pm
June 25	Nigeria v Argentina	5pm
June 26	USA v Germany	5pm
June 26	Portugal v Ghana	5pm
July 8	First semi-final	9pm
July 9	Second semi-final	9pm
July 13	The final	5pm



### CRICKET

- 1-3 Tour match, Derbyshire: Derbyshire v Leicestershire  
9-13 1st Test, Trent Bridge: England v India

### CYCLING

- 5-27 101st Tour de France (starts in Yorkshire)  
5-6 Manchester: British BMX Championships

### GOLF

- 3-6 West Virginia: The Greenbrier Classic  
10-13 Aberdeen: Scottish Open  
10-13 Illinois: John Deere Classic  
17-20 Liverpool: The Open  
24-27 Quebec: RBC Canadian Open  
31-Aug 3 Ohio: World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational  
31-Aug 3 Nevada: Reno-Tahoe Open

### MOTOR CYCLING

- 6 Portimao: World Superbikes  
13 Laguna Seca: World Superbikes  
13 Sachsenring: MotoGP  
20 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes

### MOTOR RACING

- 6 Silverstone: British Grand Prix F1  
20 Hockenheim: German Grand Prix F1  
27 Budapest: Hungarian Grand Prix F1  
31-Aug 3 Finnish Rally

### RACING

- 5 Sandown: Eclipse  
10-12 Newmarket: July Meeting  
12 York: John Smith's Cup  
26 Ascot: King George meeting  
29-Aug 2 Goodwood: Glorious Goodwood

### ROWING

- 12-13 Lucerne: Rowing World Cup III

### SAILING

- 2-6 Henley Royal Regatta

### TENNIS

- 7-13 Stuttgart: Mercedes Cup  
7-13 Budapest: Hungarian Grand Prix  
14-20 Hamburg: bet-at-home German Open  
21-26 Atlanta: BB&T Atlanta Open  
28-Aug 3 Washington: Citi Open

### AUGUST

### ATHLETICS

- 12-17 Zurich: European Championships  
18-23 Swansea: IPC European Championships  
21 Stockholm: Diamond League  
24 Birmingham: British Athletics Grand Prix  
28 Zurich: Diamond League

### CANOEING

- 6-8 Moscow: Sprint World Championships  
15-17 Augsburg: Slalom World Cup final  
22 Lord's: Middlesex v India

### CRICKET

- 7-11 4th Test, Old Trafford: England v India  
15-19 5th Test, The Oval: England v India

### THE RYDER CUP, GLENEAGLES

- 25 1st ODI, Bristol: England v India  
27 2nd ODI, Cardiff: England v India  
30 3rd ODI, Nottingham: England v India

### EQUESTRIAN

- 23-Sep 7 Caen: World Equestrian Games

### GOLF

- 7-10 Kentucky: US PGA Championship  
29-Sep 9 Massachusetts: Deutsche Bank Championship

### MOTOR CYCLING

- 3 Thruxton: British Superbikes  
9-10 Oulton Park: British Superbikes  
10 Indianapolis: MotoGP  
17 Brno: MotoGP  
25 Cadwell Park: British Superbikes  
31 Silverstone: MotoGP

### MOTOR RACING

- 3 Snetterton: British Touring Car Championship  
21-24 German Rally  
24 Spa-Francorchamps: Belgian Grand Prix F1  
24 Knockhill: British Touring Car Championship

### RACING

- 1-2 Goodwood: Glorious Goodwood  
20-23 York: Ebor Meeting

### ROWING

- 24-31 Amsterdam: World Championships

### RUGBY UNION

- 1-17 Paris: Women's World Cup  
23 Manchester: Tetley's Challenge Cup final

### RUGBY LEAGUE

- 10-11 Tetley's Challenge Cup semi-finals  
23 Manchester: Tetley's Challenge Cup final

### SOCER

- 10 Football League season starts  
10 Scottish Football League season starts  
13 International friendly matches  
13 European Under-21 qualifying: Wales v England  
17 Premier League season starts

### SWIMMING

- OCT 26-28  
THE RYDER CUP, GLENEAGLES

- 18-24 Berlin: European Long Course Championships

### TENNIS

- 4-11 Montreal: Rogers Cup  
11-17 Cincinnati: Western & Southern Open  
25-Sep 7 New York: US Open

### SEPTEMBER

### ATHLETICS

- 5 Brussels: Diamond League  
7 Great North Run  
28 Berlin Marathon

### CRICKET

- 2 4th ODI, Edgbaston: England v India  
5 5th ODI, Headingly: England v India  
7 NatWest T20, Edgbaston: England v India

### CYCLING

- 7-14 Tour of Britain  
13-21 Ponferrada: World Road Cycling Championships

### EQUESTRIAN

- 4-7 Burghley: Burghley Horse Trials

### GOLF

- 4-7 Colorado: BMW Championship  
11-14 Georgia: Tour Championship  
26-28 Gleneagles: Ryder Cup

### MOTOR CYCLING

- 7 Donington: British Superbikes  
7 Jerez: World Superbikes  
21 Assen: British Superbikes

### MOTOR RACING

- 7 Monza: Italian Grand Prix F1  
7 Rockingham: British Touring Car Championship  
11-14 Australian Rally

- 21 Yas Marina: Singapore Grand Prix F1  
28 Silverstone: British Touring Car Championship

### RACING

- 6 Haydock: Sprint Cup  
10-13 Doncaster: St Leger Meeting  
13 Doncaster: St Leger  
20 Ayr: Ayr Gold Cup  
25-27 Newmarket: Cambridgeshire Meeting  
27 Newmarket: The Cambridgeshire

### RUGBY LEAGUE

- 20 Super League play-offs start

### SOCER

- 4 European Under-21 qualifying: Slovakia v Scotland  
5 Euro 2016 qualifying matches  
5 European Under-21 qualifying: Finland v Wales;  
Germany v Republic of Ireland; Lithuania v England

- 8 European Under-21 qualifying: Luxembourg v Scotland  
9 Euro 2016 qualifying matches  
9 European Under-21 qualifying: Lithuania v Wales;  
Moldova v England; N Ireland v Serbia

### TENNIS

- 8-14 Hong Kong: Hong Kong Open  
15-21 Toray Pan Pacific Open  
15-21 Seoul: Korea Open

- 22-28 Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Open  
29-Oct 5 Tokyo: Rakuten Japan Open  
29-Oct 5 Beijing: China Open

### OCTOBER

#### EQUESTRIAN

- 8-12 Birmingham: Horse of the Year Show

#### MOTOR CYCLING

- 5 Silverstone: British Superbikes  
5 Magny-Cours: World Superbikes  
18-19 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes  
19 Welkom: World Superbikes

#### MOTOR RACING

- 2-5 French Rally  
5 Suzuka: Japanese Grand Prix F1  
12 Sochi: Russian Grand Prix F1  
12 Brands Hatch: British Touring Car Championship  
23-26 Spanish Rally

#### RACING

- 17 Newmarket: Future Champions Day  
18 Ascot: British Champions Day  
25 Doncaster: Racing Post Trophy

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

- 4 The Kingstone Press Championship Final  
11 Manchester: Super League Grand Final

#### SOCER

- 10 Euro 2016 qualifying matches

#### TENNIS

- 6-12 Shanghai: Shanghai Rolex Masters  
6-12 Osaka: Japan Open

#### TENNIS

- 13-19 Stockholm: IF Stockholm Open  
13-19 Vienna: Erste Bank Open

#### 20-26 Singapore: Championships

- 27-Nov 2 Paris: BNP Paribas Masters

#### NOVEMBER

#### ATHLETICS

- 2 New York: New York Marathon

#### MOTOR CYCLING

- 2 TBC: World Superbikes

#### MOTOR RACING

- 2 Austin: United States Grand Prix F1  
9 Interlagos: Brazilian Grand Prix F1

#### RALLY

- 13-16 Rally GB

- 23 Abu Dhabi: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix F1

#### RACING

- 8 Doncaster: November handicap

#### RUGBY UNION

- 14-16 Cheltenham: The Open

#### HAYDOCK

- 22 Haydock: Betfair Chase

#### NEWBURY

- 29 Newbury: Hennessy Gold Cup

#### NEWCASTLE

- 29 Newcastle: Fighting Fifth Hurdle

#### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY MATCHES

- 8 Twickenham: England v New Zealand

#### TWICKENHAM

- 15 Twickenham: England v South Africa

#### TWICKENHAM

- 22 Twickenham: England v Samoa

#### TWICKENHAM

- 29 Twickenham: England v Australia

#### SOCER

- 19 International friendly matches

#### SNOOKER

- 25-Dec 7 York: UK Championship

#### TENNIS

- 10-16 London: ATP Tour finals

- 21-23 Davis Cup final

#### DECEMBER

#### GOLF

- 11-14 Dubai World Championships

#### RACING

- 6 Sandown: Tingle Creek Cup

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

- 12-13 Cheltenham: International Meeting

#### ASCOT

- 20 Ascot: Long Walk Hurdle

#### KEMPTON

- 26 Kempton: King George VI Chase

#### CHEPSTOW

- 27 Chepstow: Welsh National

# Saints Spotlight



# Hold the back page!

**... and occasionally the front one ... the amazing Saints FC story of the last ten years as told in Southern Daily Echo newspapers ...**

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**SPORTS EDITOR**

**IT'S been one of the most amazing roller coaster rides in the history of English professional football.**

The story of Southampton Football Club in the last ten years has contained a remarkable list of ups and downs, highs and lows.

And all the way, the *Southern Daily Echo* has been there to entertain and inform the club's thousands of fans with the best independent coverage around.

This special souvenir supplement brings together the best Saints stories from the last ten and a half years, in the form of the Echo's back (and occasionally front) pages.

The story starts with the back page in the aftermath of the 2003 FA Cup final, and is brought bang up to date on page 24 with this week's back pages.

Appropriately enough, that means this supplement begins and ends in the same place – the Welsh capital, Cardiff.

The FA Cup final was supposed to be a landmark achievement for the club.

Coupled with a best ever eighth placed Premier League finish and a UEFA Cup campaign to look forward to, the future appeared bright for a club who just two years earlier had doubled their attendances overnight by moving to St Mary's.

Of course, the story – initially anyway – had nothing like a happy ending.

Relegation in 2005 was followed by a second demotion four years later.

The summer of 2009, though, saw the club frantically looking for a buyer following Southampton Leisure Holdings PLC's descent into administration.

Eventually, Markus Liebherr emerged from the shadows – to be celebrated as the man who saved

**Daily Echo Sport** 'We're not just a bunch of kids'  
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EX-SAINTS PAIR IN LINE FOR COVENTRY STARTS – PAGE 75

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HAMPSHIRE CRICKET: SHOCK AS BROWN EXITS AND CORK ARRIVES – SEE PAGE 70

**A BIZARRE TIME:** Saints boss Jan Poortvliet poses as James Bond at Staplewood in 2008, as the club spiralled towards relegation and administration.

Saints' Liebherr was at Wembley on that great spring day in March 2010 when Saints began their revival by lifting the JPT in front of 50,000 fans.

Sadly, he was to pass away later

that year – meaning he never saw the club he saved from the scrapheap clinch back-to-back promotions, catapulting Saints once more into the Premier League.

**Daily Echo Sport** LOWE: BLAME ME!  
SEE PAGE 62  
Redknapp's in as Saints boss – but he'll have to be...  
**HARRY HOUDINI**

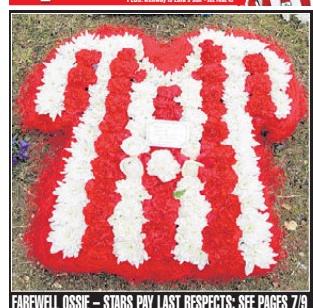
**DECEMBER 2004:**  
Redknapp unveiled as boss.

**Daily Echo** SPOTLIGHT ON PENSIONS: HOW TO BOOST YOUR RETIREMENT CASH  
SEE PAGE 20

Next 24 hours crucial to club's future  
**SAINTS COMPANY ON BRINK OF ADMINISTRATION?**  
By Adam Latchford

**APRIL 2009:** A dark day in Saints' history.

**Daily Echo Sport** Two-goal Martini boosts Burley  
SEE PAGE 46



**MARCH 2006:** Farewell to 1976 Cup winner Osgood.

From starting a third division season in 2009 on minus ten points, just over four years later saw the very same Southampton Football Club sitting pretty in third place in the top flight.

The scale of the club's recovery was as stunning and rapid as was the decline.

All of the major names connected with Saints over the past and a half years are mentioned in this special pullout.

On the pitch, we have had Premier League stars such as James Beattie, Kevin Phillips, Antti Niemi, Peter Crouch, Rickie Lambert, Adam Lallana and Morgan Schneiderlin.

Off it, Saints have been managed by a host of men, with more than a handful of controversial appointments.

I would love to know the real reason behind Paul Sturrock's few months in charge, as well as the stories surrounding Jan Poortvliet's bizarre reign that have never been made public.

In the boardroom, there have been numerous directors, lots of controversy, plenty of bust-ups, and as a result plenty of headlines.

Elsewhere, we have had a rugby World Cup winning coach employed by Saints and an Indian chicken farmer buying a lot of shares in a club he didn't support.

Only at St Mary's, it seems!

We have had a statue condemned as one of the worst commissioned by any football club in the country, and a supposed financial benefactor exposed as a letting agent.

All take their place in this supplement, for without the likes of the first Ted Bates statue and Micky Fialka the true story of Southampton Football Club since May 2003 would not be complete.

We hope this 24-page special brings back a host of remarkable memories of times both good and bad for this amazing football club, where there is seemingly never a dull moment.

Not in the last ten and a half years, anyway.

**Daily Echo Sport** Love - Sturrock was always my first choice  
SEE PAGE 65

**LUGGY'S A RECORD BREAKER ALREADY!**

**MARCH 2004:** Paul Sturrock starts with a winner.

**Daily Echo Sport** DO SAINTS FANS WANT CHERRIES TO GO UP TOO?  
SEE PAGE 65

**HOME IS WHERE THE PARTY IS ...!**

**MAY 2011:** Saints ready to go up from League 1.

**Daily Echo** Saints last gas reprise 16 PG  
Monday May 1, 2011

**SHEER RELIEF!**

**MAY 2008:** Last-day survival against Sheffield United.

**Daily Echo Sport** Saints' penalty shoot-out misery  
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**HEARTBREAKING**

**MAY 2007:** Saints lose in play-off penalty shoot-out.

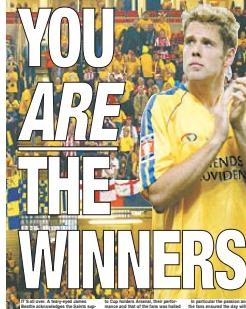
**JANUARY 2013:** Another quiet day at St Mary's ...

# Saints Spotlight

2003 ... Saints in Europe, Saints win at Anfield, Saints thrash Pompey

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WELL DONE SAINTS - YOU DID US PROUD



**MAY 18, 2003:** Saints lost the FA Cup final to Arsenal, but their fantastic fans turned Cardiff into a sea of yellow and blue.

Friday, August 16, 2002  
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**'Everything that's worth having takes time'** - Lowe  
TURN TO PAGE 63 FOR FULL STORY

## MY HEART IS AT SAINTS

I just want to enjoy myself again, insists Super Kev

KEVIN PHILLIPS has married his girlfriend of three years, and he's looking forward to spending more time with his wife and son after signing from Sunderland for £3.25m.

**AUG 14, 2003:** Released by Saints as a youngster, striker Kevin Phillips is back at the club - signing from Sunderland for £3.25m.

Wednesday, December 11, 2002  
THE BEST FOR NEWS AND SPORT IN YOUR 16-PAGE ECHO  
**The best coverage of Saints in Bucharest**  
12-PAGE UEFA CUP SPECIAL - see inside

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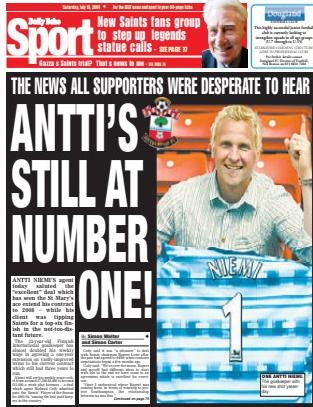
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# Saints Spotlight

**2004 ... Sturrock and Wigley go, Redknapp arrives, Prutts sees red**



**JULY 9, 2004:** On the day Saints sign Peter Crouch, crowd favourite Antti Niemi ends speculation by signing a new contract at St Mary's.



**AUG 14, 2004:** Niemi pushes team-mate David Prutton in the face as Saints start the season by losing 2-0 at Aston Villa.



**AUG 23, 2004:** Two days after Saints beat Blackburn at St Mary's, Paul Sturrock leaves his job after just 13 games in charge of the club.



**AUG 24, 2004:** The Echo asks chairman Rupert Lowe to reveal the real reasons why the club parted company with Paul Sturrock.



**Oct 27, 2004:** Dexter Blackstock, 18, becomes the first Saints sub to score a hat-trick, in a League Cup tie against Colchester.



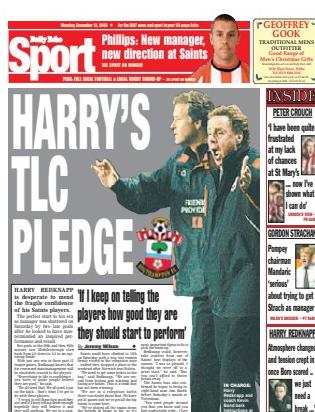
**NOV 9, 2004:** Chairman Lowe is jeered as Saints crash out of the League Cup, thrashed 5-2 at lower division Watford.



**NOV 13, 2004:** Kevin Phillips scores the winner as Saints beat Pompey 2-1 to give Steve Wigley his only league win in charge.



**DEC 9, 2004:** Harry Redknapp sensationally becomes the third Saints boss of the season as Steve Wigley's time ends after 14 league games.



**DEC 12, 2004:** Redknapp promises to improve Saints by telling the squad how good they are ...



**DEC 18, 2004:** ... Redknapp's promise does not last long as he rips into the team after a 5-1 hammering at White Hart Lane in his second game.



**JAN 22, 2005:** Saints beat Liverpool to give Redknapp his first league win as Saints boss, but he admits the job is bad for his health.



**FEB 26, 2005:** David Prutton is sent off against Arsenal and reacts by pushing a linesman, earning himself a 10-match suspension.



**MAR 5, 2005:** Nigel Quashie heads Saints to victory against Spurs, and hopes ex-club Pompey can be dragged into the relegation dogfight.



**MAR 21, 2005:** Peter Crouch scores twice as Saints beat Middlesbrough 3-1 to record their first away league win of the season.



**APR 16, 2005:** Harry's headaches are mounting up as Saints throw away a 2-0 lead to lose 3-2 at home to Aston Villa.

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# Saints Spotlight

**2005 ... Saints are relegated, Redknapp leaves, Woodward arrives**



**APR 24, 2005:** The worst day in recent history in the eyes of some Saints fans, as Pompey make Redknapp's return to Fratton Park a misery.



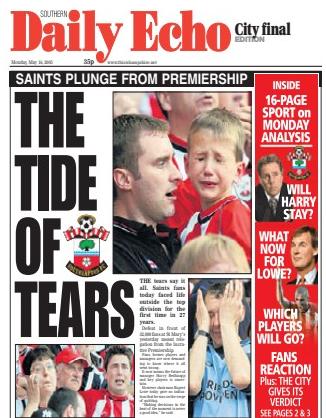
**APR 30, 2005:** Henri Camara's late winner gives Saints fresh hope in their battle to avoid the drop.



**MAY 7, 2005:** Another late goal, this time from Danny Higginbotham, gives Saints a 2-2 draw at Crystal Palace in their penultimate game.



**MAY 14, 2005:** The front page of the Daily Echo on the day before Saints host Manchester United in their last game of the 2004/05 season.



**MAY 16, 2005:** Saints lose 2-1 to Manchester United, starting a tide of tears in the stands as Saints' 27-year run in the top flight is ended.



**MAY 16, 2005:** The body language of Danny Higginbotham and Harry Redknapp says it all after Saints' relegation is confirmed.



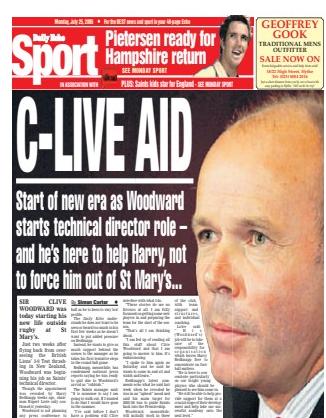
**MAY 17, 2005:** Chairman Rupert Lowe faces up to his critics and insists he won't be quitting his position after the club's relegation.



**MAY 17, 2005:** Matt Oakley faces the press to reveal some Saints players are facing a 50 per cent cut in their wages after suffering relegation.



**JUNE 29, 2005:** Kevin Phillips leaves Saints, and Redknapp hits out at some players for caring more about money than the club.



**JULY 25, 2005:** England rugby union World Cup winner Sir Clive Woodward starts his controversial job at St Mary's.



**JULY 26, 2005:** Woodward insists he will be supporting Harry Redknapp as he starts his performance director's job behind the scenes.



**JULY 29, 2005:** Despite having a £6.5m parachute payment, Saints' only summer signing for money is £90,000 Pompey striker Ricardo Fuller.



**AUG 6, 2005:** Theo Walcott comes off the bench to become the youngest ever Saints player in a 0-0 home draw against Hoddle's Wolves



**SEPT 20, 2005:** Redknapp fields a young team in a League Cup tie at Mansfield, then is highly critical after a shock 1-0 exit.

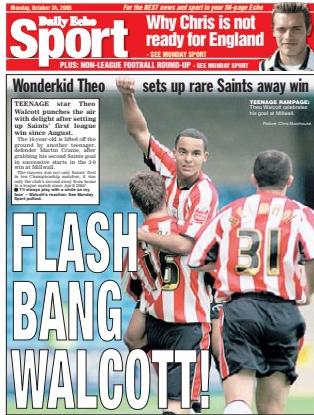


**OCT 18 2005:** Theo Walcott scores on his first start for Saints, but the club end a run of eight straight draws by losing 2-1 at Leeds.

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# Saints Spotlight

**2006 ... Walcott leaves, protests grow, businessmen plan takeover**



**OCT 22, 2005:** Theo Walcott scores on his second start as Saints end their winless streak by winning 2-0 at Millwall.



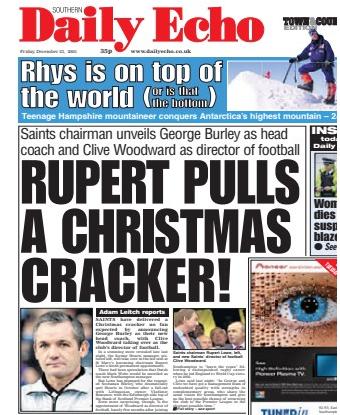
**NOV 19, 2005:** Saints storm into a 3-0 lead at home to Leeds, but end up losing 4-3.



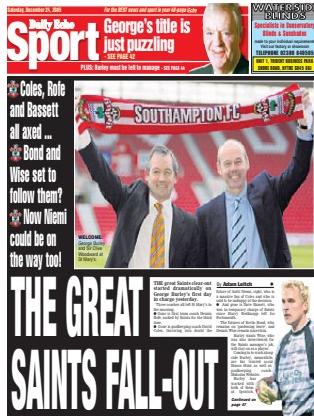
**NOV 26, 2005:** Redknapp claims it's 'nonsense' that he's been suspended by Saints as rumours link him with a Pompey return.



**DEC 5, 2005:** As Saints start their search for another manager, the Echo likens the situation to popular comedy programme Little Britain.



**DEC 23, 2005:** Saints appoint George Burley as their new manager, the Scot having left his role at Hearts a few weeks earlier.



**DEC 24, 2005:** As Burley is pictured with Woodward at St Mary's, the Echo reveals that Antti Niemi could soon be departing.



**DEC 26, 2005:** Burley's first game in charge ends with Saints losing 3-0 at Watford, their heaviest defeat of the Championship season.



**JAN 11 2006:** Niemi goes to Fulham, Saints fail to land Rob Earnshaw after offering David Prutton and Nigel Quashie to West Bromwich Albion.



**JAN 14, 2006:** The Echo's front page reveals a secret consortium is being pieced together to try and gain control of Saints.



**JAN 21, 2006:** Theo Walcott, 16, joins Arsenal in a deal potentially worth £12m after just a handful of first team games for Saints.



**JAN 23, 2006:** All four sides of St Mary's sing anti-Rupert Lowe songs during a 2-0 home defeat against Ipswich Town.



**JAN 25, 2006:** The Echo reveals that local businessman Andrew Strode-Gibbons is keen to lead a new consortium to take over Saints.



**JAN 25, 2006:** The Echo reveals, for the first time, how Lymington businessman Leon Crouch is planning to buy shares in the club.



**JAN 26, 2006:** An Echo fans poll shows an overwhelming amount - 88 per cent - do not want Rupert Lowe as Saints chairman anymore.



**JAN 27, 2006:** Israeli international skipper Shimon Gershon is at Staplewood to sign for Saints, but the transfer never takes place.

**THE BEST INDEPENDENT SAINTS COVERAGE IS IN THE ECHO AND SPORTS PINK**

# Saints Spotlight

2006 ... Lowe quits as chairman as Wilde regime takes over at Saints

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PLRS: SANTS YOUTH V BOLTON YOUTH - SEE PAGE 42

**WORLD CUP WINNER OFFERS TO HELP ANY CONSORTIUM...**

**'I'LL PLAY BALL IN TAKEOVER**

You have to worry about the future of the club, but this is what happens when you're chairman who believes in what he's doing and has been challenged until it's late. Something has to be done quickly or the consequences could be disastrous. The club's in danger of NEVER recovering.

**DAILY ECHO EXCLUSIVE REPORT**

**Former Saints boss Alan Ball offers his help to any possible Saints consortium wishing to get rid of Rupert Lowe.**

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**Woodward hits out at 'undermining' takeover talk**

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**FEB 7, 2006:** Sir Clive Woodward comes out fighting in Lowe's corner as takeover talk rumbles on.

**FEB 9, 2006:** Football is back on the agenda at Saints as Burley signs Jermaine Wright, Grzegorz Rasiak and Peter Madsen on loan.

**FEB 13, 2006:** Pompey chairman Milan Mandaric threatens to sue Rupert Lowe after the latter's comments about Harry Redknapp.

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Burke to bring in loan signing with Bialkowski out for season

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**FEB 21, 2006:** Burley plans to go out and sign a new keeper on loan after Bart Bialkowski is stretchered off in the FA Cup loss at Newcastle.

**FEB 22, 2006:** The Echo reveals that airline company Flybe will be Saints' new sponsor for the start of the 2006/07 season.

**FEB 24, 2006:** The Echo reveals that Jersey-based businessman Michael Wilde is the man who has spent £1.3m on buying Saints shares.

**MAR 1, 2006:** Marian Pahars insists he's worth a new contract at the end of the season. He doesn't get one.

**MAR 2, 2006:** Ex-Saint Peter Osgood, who helped the club win the 1976 FA Cup, dies suddenly.

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PLRS: Saints historic bowling display - SEE MONDAY SPORT - SEE PAGE 42

**IN SAINTS I TRUST**

Fans wild about Wilde as he meets supporters for first time

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**MAR 6, 2006:** Michael Wilde is Rupert Lowe's guest at St Mary's as Saints draw with Coventry City.

**MAR 15, 2006:** A colourful floral tribute to ex-Saint Peter Osgood at his funeral.

**MAR 16, 2006:** Burley fails to land Becks - but it's young striker Jermaine Beckford, rather than David Beckham.

**MAR 17, 2006:** The Echo reveals that the doctor who treated Adam Lallana for his heart scare is amazed by the teenager's recovery.

**MAR 24, 2006:** The Echo reveals that an Indian sugar cane farmer, Sarwan Singh, has spent £450,000 to buy nearly 1m Saints shares.

**THE SPORTS PINK - ALWAYS BEST FOR SAINTS NOSTALGIA PICTURES**

# Saints Spotlight

2006 ... Lawrie Mac returns as a director, Skacel is the big signing ...



**Daily Echo Sport** Waterfield forced to settle for silver  
PLUS: Joy for Eastleigh AFC - SEE MONDAY SPORT

**R-E-L-E-G-A-T-I-O-N**  
Furious George has to spell out the seriousness of Saints' league position after day of horror results  
**GEOFFREY COOK** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo Sport** AD MAN MILLER SOLD AGAIN STAY IN FOOTBALL  
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**BOARDROOM REBELLION**  
Crisis for Lowe as directors back Wilde  
**GEOFFREY COOK** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
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**Daily Echo Sport** My England team to take on the world!  
PLUS: Jones wants three goals on return to Special Olympic Games

**FEELING WILDE!**  
MICHAEL WILDE, the virtual shareholder, has been offered a position on having his name removed from the club's board.  
Michael's business interests have seen him leave the club's board. He has now sold his shares to the club's chairman, Sir Clive Woodward, and will no longer be involved in the running of the club.  
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**Daily Echo Sport** Dexter's two-goal message to George  
PLUS: Nathan Jones - SEE MONDAY SPORT - SEE PAGES 8 & 9

**RUPERT LOWE HAS JUST GOT TO GO!**  
- that's the view of Leon Crouch after he spent £1.6m to buy Investec's key stake and become Saints' second largest shareholder  
**LAWRENCE LEWIS** Michael's statement  
**RUPERT LOWE**  
**Leon Crouch**  
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**Daily Echo** CITY FINAL  
Grand National STEEP FIGHT NIGHTS  
WHAT'S ON

**TURNING UGLY**  
Woodward labels investor Crouch a gutless, bullying, rabble rouser and calls for anti-Lowe directors to resign  
**Clive Woodward**  
**Leon Crouch**  
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**MAR 27, 2006:** The Echo spells is out as Saints lose at Sheffield United to slump ever closer to the Championship relegation zone.

**MAR 31, 2006:** Three of Rupert Lowe's fellow Saints directors sell their shares to bolster Michael Wilde's takeover plans.

**APR 1, 2006:** Michael Wilde tells the Echo that he is disappointed Rupert Lowe hasn't offered him a place on the Saints board yet.

**APR 4, 2006:** Leon Crouch ups the ante by spending £1.6m on Saints shares and making his intentions clear.

**APR 7, 2006:** Sir Clive Woodward labels Leon Crouch a gutless, bullying rabble rouser.

**Daily Echo Sport** Chaplow tipped for stardom by Butler  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo Sport** So glad Lawrie shunned United  
PLUS: TRANSFER: PUSHERS ROSE BOWL CASE - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo Sport** Why I got hooked on bosses at ten  
PLUS: SALISBURY CITY CLOSE IN ON TOP SPOT

**Daily Echo Sport** Vote for your Saints player of the season  
PLUS: NICK'S SPONSORSHIP

**Daily Echo Sport** Saints v Leicester for the best coverage  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**YOU'VE LOST THE PLOT!**  
• Crouch replies to Clive's outburst  
• I'm determined to buy more shares!  
• I'll make the changes fans want!  
**Geoffrey Cook** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo Sport** RUPERT HIT FOR SIX  
Corbett family throw another six per cent behind Wilde as Lowe shadows him large...  
**Geoffrey Cook** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo Sport** SWEET 16 - BUT SET FOR DEBUT  
Gareth Bale is set to make his first Saints appearance, a game which will set him on the road to world superstardom.

**Daily Echo Sport** LOWE FACING EGM VOTE  
Saints chairman could be out in just THREE WEEKS as Lowe stakes up to 24.75%  
**Geoffrey Cook** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
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**Daily Echo Sport** I'LL OFFER LOWE £1.2M  
Andrew's one for the future - but Marian waves fans a sad-looking farewell...  
**Geoffrey Cook** TRADITIONAL MENS OUTFITTERS  
PLUS: 100 LEAGUE FOOTBALL - SEE SPORT

**APR 10, 2006:** Leon Crouch hits out at Sir Clive Woodward as the war of words at St Mary's continues.

**APR 11, 2006:** The Corbett family deepen Rupert Lowe's problems by revealing they will proxy their six per cent of shares to Michael Wilde.

**APR 12, 2006:** Gareth Bale is set to make his first Saints appearance, a game which will set him on the road to world superstardom.

**APR 19, 2006:** The Echo reveals that Rupert Lowe could be voted out by shareholders at a forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting

**MAY 1, 2006:** Leon Crouch tells the Echo he will offer Rupert Lowe £1.2m to step down as Saints chairman, an offer that is declined.

**Daily Echo Sport** Bring back Saints' family spirit  
PLUS: Hants Trophy 20th Cup competition - SEE SPORT

**Daily Echo** COOKING UP A FEAST  
WIN CASES OF WINE WITH Holiday Inn  
PLUS: Interview at the Goodwood Festival of Speed

**Daily Echo Sport** Hants blasted to heavy cup defeat  
Rupert resigns ... and the new Saints regime celebrate start of a new era ...

**Daily Echo Sport** Woodward: I'm not leaving Saints  
PLUS: Hampshire backs again in though...  
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**Daily Echo Sport** Saints Pre-season supplement  
PLUS: Hampshire's opening Pre-Season fixture

Announcement should be made to the Stock Exchange today ...

Wilde's regime will come in en masse - EGM to still go ahead

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I'll pay Lowe that much to quit St Mary's

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RUPERT LOWE: His help may be required but he is expected to leave the club soon.  
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**LOWE QUILTS**  
New Saints board ready to take club forward  
**Adam Letts** reports

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**RETURN OF THE MAC**  
Lawrie issues rallying call after accepting place on board  
**Adam Letts** reports

**WORTH THE WAIT**  
Finally, £1.6m man Rudi is unveiled  
**Adam Letts** reports

**JUNE 30, 2006:** The Echo back page which reveals that the Saints chairman's time in charge was coming to an end.

**JULY 1, 2006:** The Echo was right. On the day the paper said Rupert Lowe was about to quit, he duly did - to avoid losing an EGM vote.

**JULY 1, 2006:** Businessmen Patrick Trant and Leon Crouch join Mary Corbett, Jim Hone and Lee Hoos in celebrating Michael Wilde's takeover

**JULY 3, 2006:** 1976 FA Cup winning boss Lawrie McMenemy is back on board as a director of the club.

**JULY 31, 2006:** Saints complete the £1.6m signing of George Burley's former Hearts star Rudi Skacel.

**THE BEST INTERVIEWS WITH EX-SAINTS STARS ARE IN THE SPORTS PINK**

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2006 ... Gareth Bale emerges as a star, Saints start Wilde era well



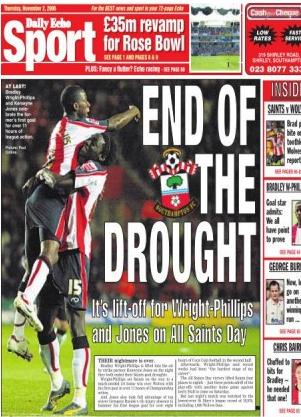
**AUG 4, 2006:** On the eve of the new season, Saints have a new board, new squad, new sponsors ... and new hope.



**AUG 6, 2006:** Gareth Bale, still just 16, scores his first Saints goal in an opening day 2-2 draw at Derby County.



**AUG 10, 2006:** Bale scores from another free-kick as Saints beat Coventry 2-0 at St Mary's. Burley insists Saints don't need to sell the starlet.



**NOV 2, 2006:** Saints put an inconsistent run behind them to beat Wolves 2-0 at St Mary's.



**NOV 30, 2006:** Kenwyne Jones performs a trademark somersault after scoring in Saints' pulsating 4-3 home win over Birmingham.



**DEC 4, 2006:** Rasiak grabs his 13th goal of the season as Saints win 4-2 at Hull.



**FEB 19, 2007:** Andrew Surman converts a penalty to complete what remains his only ever senior hat-trick, in a 5-2 win against Barnsley.



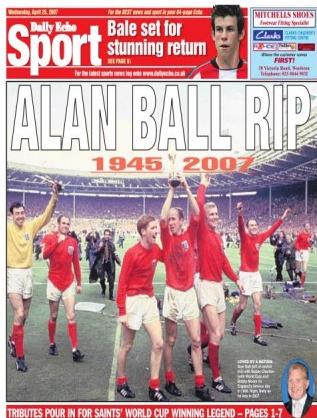
**MAR 20, 2007:** It cost over £100,000, but the statue of legend Ted Bates unveiled at St Mary's is roundly panned and quickly taken down.



**APR 2, 2007:** Saints romp to a stunning 6-0 win at promotion rivals Wolves, while AFC Totton win a penalty shoot out to reach the FA Vase final.



**APR 23, 2007:** Bradley Wright-Phillips pops up with a late winner against Leeds at St Mary's to maintain Saints' play-off charge.



**APR 25, 2007:** Former Saints midfielder and Dell boss Alan Ball dies of a heart attack at his home in Warsash.



**APR 27, 2007:** One of the richest men on earth, Microsoft founder Paul Allen, is linked with investing in Saints. It never happens.



**APR 30, 2007:** A young Saints fan shows his delight at Leon Best scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win at Norwich.



**MAY 7, 2007:** Saints confirm their place in the play-offs by coming from behind to beat Southend 4-1 in their last regular season game at St Mary's.



**MAY 14, 2007:** Saints lose the first leg of their play off semi to Derby, while AFC Totton are beaten in the FA Vase final by Truro at Wembley.

**BIG INTERVIEW WITH EX-SAINT BRIAN O'NEIL IN NEXT WEEK'S SPORTS PINK**

# Saints Spotlight

2007 ... Saints lose in play-off semis, boardroom splits are back again



**MAY 16, 2007:** Inigo Idiakiez, who has just missed from the spot, walks away dejected as Derby celebrate their penalty shoot out win against Saints.



**MAY 24, 2007:** Less than a fortnight after failing to go up, starlet Gareth Bale is sold to Tottenham.



**MAY 26, 2007:** George Burley is keen to keep the out of contract Martin Cranie at St Mary's ...



**JUNE 27, 2007:** ... but Cranie has other ideas and joins Harry Redknapp's Pompey the following month.



**JULY 6, 2007:** Leon Crouch storms out of a directors' meeting after losing a vote to promote Andy Oldknow to executive director status.



**JULY 7, 2007:** The Echo reveals the splits that have formed in the boardroom. Chief exec Jim Hone survives a plan to oust him.



**JULY 7, 2007:** Michael Wilde, who had stood down as chairman of Saints' football board the previous February, was being lined up for a return.



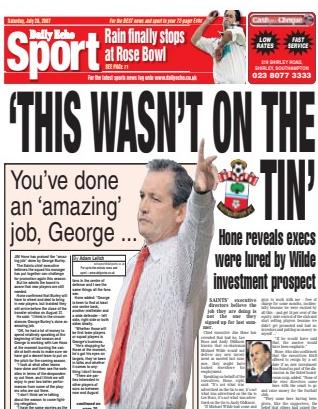
**JULY 10, 2007:** George Burley plugs the gap left by Gareth Bale's departure by signing ex-Liverpool man Greg Vignal.



**JULY 13, 2007:** Billionaire Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum is the next mega wealthy man linked with Saints.



**JULY 21, 2007:** Leon Crouch is sacked as chairman of Saints' football board, a position he had held since Michael Wilde's departure.



**JULY 28, 2007:** Chief executive Jim Hone said he and his fellow executive directors were taken in by Michael Wilde's investors promise.



**AUG 10, 2007:** The Echo's positive headline on the eve of the new season is not a very prophetic one ...



**AUG 13, 2007:** Saints are thrashed 4-1 at home by Crystal Palace on the opening day of the 2007/08 season.



**AUG 27, 2007:** Saints collect their first Championship points of the season with a 3-2 win over a Stoke side eventually promoted to the Premier.



**OCT 3, 2007:** Another defensive nightmare as Saints are thrashed 5-1 in a midweek encounter at Preston North End.

**SAINTS v BURNLEY, FA CUP THIRD ROUND - COVERAGE IN NEXT WEEK'S SPORTS PINK**

# Saints Spotlight

2007 ... Executive directors quit 2008 ... Burley takes Scotland job



OCT 8, 2007: Stern John backheels a cheeky goal as Saints beat West Bromwich Albion 3-2 at St Mary's.



NOV 12, 2007: Another away horror show as Saints are thrashed 5-0 at Sheffield Wednesday.



DEC 10, 2007: Stern John hits a hat-trick as Saints cane Hull City 4-0 at St Mary's.



DEC 18, 2007: Executive directors Jim Hone, Ken Dulieu and Andy Oldknow all resign after hedge fund SISU take over rivals Coventry.



DEC 18, 2007: Hone, Dulieu and Oldknow had proposed to the Saints shareholders that SISU's takeover offer for Saints be accepted.



DEC 28, 2007: Burley set for transfer window talks with Saints directors.



JAN 2, 2008: The year starts with Saints thumped 3-0 at home by bogey club Watford.



JAN 14, 2008: Rasiak scores winner against Nigel Adkins' Scunthorpe, and then pledges to stay at St Mary's. He leaves on loan a few weeks later.



JAN 23, 2008: Saints are looking for a new manager again after George Burley quits to take over as Scotland boss.



JAN 24, 2008: Leon Crouch admits Lawrie McMenemy will have a key role to play in deciding who will replace Burley.



JAN 25, 2008: Ex-Saints defender Micky Adams is keen on a return to the south coast club.



JAN 30, 2008: John Gorman and Jason Dodd oversee a home loss to Norwich, but the board seem happy with the caretaker pair.



FEB 11, 2008: Saints' slump down the Championship table goes on after a 3-2 home loss to QPR.



FEB 18, 2008: The Echo's back page hammers Saints' players for a dreadful display in losing an FA Cup tie at lower division Bristol Rovers.



FEB 19, 2008: The very next day Saints appoint Nigel Pearson as their new manager.

**EVERTON v SAINTS: THE BEST COVERAGE IS IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO**

# Saints Spotlight

2008 ... Pearson arrives, Lowe/Wilde return, Poortvliet appointed ...



FEB 20, 2008: Saints lose 2-0 at home to Plymouth on Pearson's first full day in charge at St Mary's.



MAR 12, 2008: Stern John scores the only goal as Saints claim their first win under Nigel Pearson against fellow strugglers Leicester.



MAR 17, 2008: For the third time in the season, Saints concede five goals away - crashing to a 5-0 loss at Hull City.



MAR 18, 2008: A sensational Echo back page reveals former rivals Michael Wilde and Rupert Lowe are teaming up to win back power at Saints.



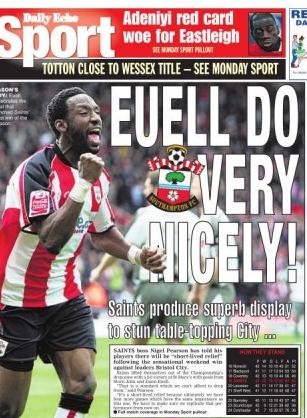
MAR 29, 2008: The new Lowe-Wilde partnership are to call for an EGM in a bid to remove the men who removed Lowe from power.



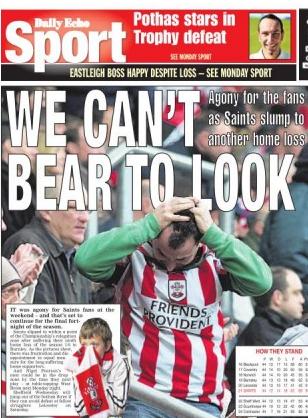
APR 2, 2008: The Echo reveals that Saints are losing almost £40,000 A DAY.



APR 4, 2008: Nigel Pearson tries to get the talk back to football matters, with Saints embroiled in a relegation battle.



APR 7, 2008: Jason Euell celebrates scoring as Saints collect a priceless 2-0 win against Bristol City at St Mary's.



APR 21, 2008: Saints are dumped back into the relegation dogfight after slumping to a 1-0 home loss to Burnley.



APR 29, 2008: Adam Lallana scores his first senior Saints goal as the club come from behind to snatch a point at promoted West Brom.



MAY 3, 2008: Nigel Pearson knows Saints could beat Sheffield United on the last day ... and still go down if Leicester win at Stoke.



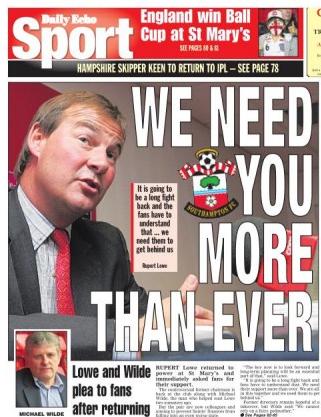
MAY 5, 2008: Saints win 3-2 against Sheffield United while Leicester can only draw, sparking scenes of euphoria at St Mary's.



MAY 5, 2008: The Echo's back page shows some of the thousands of fans who invaded the pitch at the final whistle to celebrate.



MAY 15, 2008: Back to off-field matters and Leon Crouch and Patrick Trant are running out of time to stay in control at St Mary's.



MAY 16, 2008: Rupert Lowe and Michael Wilde return to the club, with a message to the club's suffering supporters.

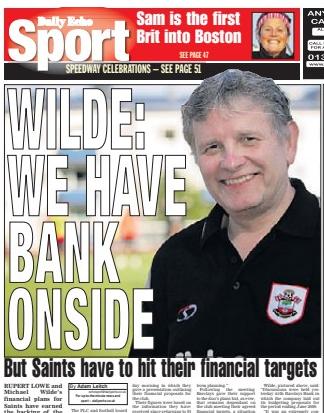
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**2008 ... Poortvliet hams it up as James Bond as Saints slip towards Ch...**



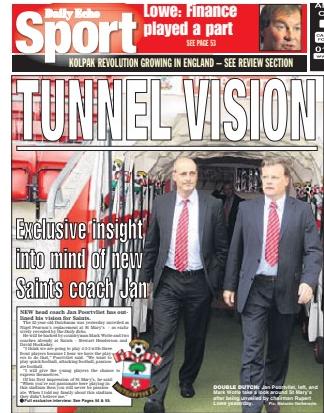
**MAY 17, 2008:** Having kept Saints up, Nigel Pearson is being kept waiting by the Lowe-Wilde regime to discuss his future.



**MAY 28, 2008:** Michael Wilde insists the club have the bank on their side after returning to St Mary's alongside ex-rival Rupert Lowe.



**MAY 30, 2008:** The Echo reveals that Pearson has been axed and Jan Poortvliet brought in to become Saints' first foreign manager



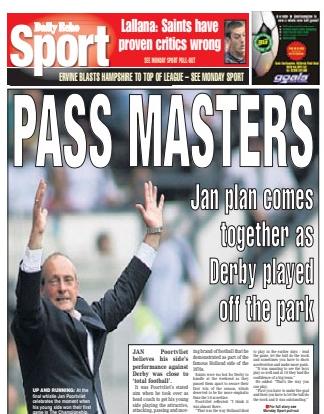
**MAY 31, 2008:** Poortvliet and his assistant Mark Wotte are unveiled at St Mary's.



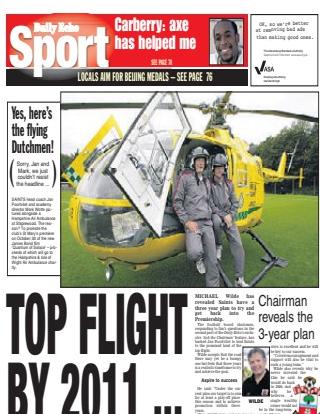
**JUNE 2, 2008:** Mark Wotte admits 'there won't be a Dutch takeover' at Saints despite the surprise appointments.



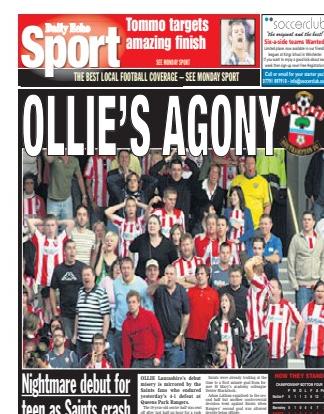
**AUG 11, 2008:** An unhappy return for Svensson as Saints lose 2-1 at Cardiff in Poortvliet's first game in charge.



**AUG 25, 2008:** Poortvliet hails his first league win, a 1-0 success at Derby County.



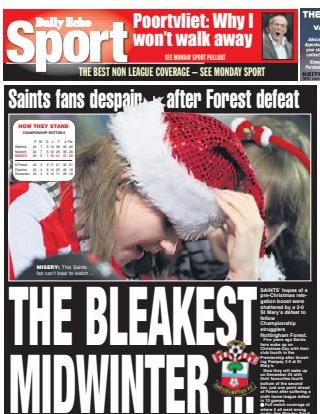
**SEPT 5, 2008:** The flying Dutchmen ... Poortvliet and Mark Wotte get to sit in the Hampshire Air Ambulance at Staplewood.



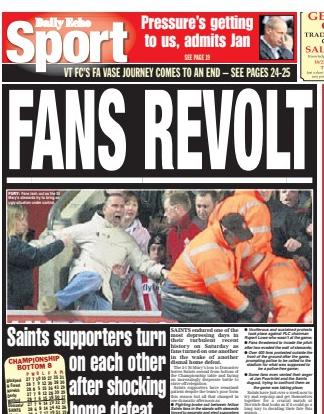
**SEPT 15, 2008:** Ollie Lancashire is sent off on his first team debut for Saints as Poortvliet's young side crash 4-1 at QPR.



**SEPT 24, 2008:** The headline says it all as Saints crash out of the League Cup 3-1 at two divisions lower Rotherham United.



**DEC 22, 2008:** Woe for Saints fans as their club lose 2-0 at home to fellow Championship strugglers Nottingham Forest.



**JAN 18, 2009:** Even more woe for Saints fans as Doncaster Rovers become the latest struggling club to win at St Mary's.



**JAN 23, 2009:** As tempers start to reach boiling point, Kelvin Davis calls on all Saints fans to pull in one direction.



**JAN 24, 2009:** Jan Poortvliet quits as Saints manager after a disastrous first – and so far only – spell in English football.



**JAN 26, 2009:** Mark Wotte explains his vision for Saints after being appointed Poortvliet's successor.

**DELL LEGEND TERRY PAINES EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU IN THE SPORTS PINK EVERY WEEK**

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Championship relegation 2009 ... Saints in crisis, as well as administration

**Daily Echo Sport** Club pros aiming for Open glory  
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75-YEAR OLD GRABS POWERBOATING GLORY - SEE PAGE 59

## CONTRACT REBEL DYER BANISHED FROM TRAINING

**JULY 1, 2008:** Refusing to sign a new contract, Saints winger Nathan Dyer is told to stay away from the first team training sessions.

**Daily Echo Sport** Jan delighted CASH! Loans! SEE PAGE 41  
HAMPSHIRE ACE CAN'T WAIT FOR FOOTIE GAME - SEE PAGE 63

## NOTHING TO FEAR!

**OCT 1, 2008:** Jordan Robertson scores on his Saints debut in a 2-0 St Mary's victory over Norwich City.

**Daily Echo Sport** Wotte's extra defensive work  
SEE PAGE 48  
HANTS CHIEF BOSS BACKING LORD MARLAND - PAGE 48

## SAINTS BOARD SENSATION

**JAN 27, 2009:** Leon Crouch calls on Lowe and Wilde to join him in putting £2m into Saints. They said they'll leave if he stumps up £6m himself.

**Daily Echo Sport** Win a trip to the British Grand Prix  
SEE PAGE 53  
HAMPSHIRE DENIED CHANCE TO SIGN TANVR - SEE PAGE 52

## NO DEALS

**JULY 6, 2008:** Cost-cutting measures see the likes of Inigo Idiakez, Darren Powell, Alex Ostlund, Mario Licka and Jermaine Wright released.

**Daily Echo Sport** We're not just a bunch of kids' CASH! Loans! SEE PAGE 41  
EX-SANTS PAIR IN LINE FOR COVENTRY STARTS - PAGE 75

## OOHEAVEN!

**OCT 3, 2008:** Another photo opportunity gleefully taken by Poortvliet as he hams it up as James Bond in front of a replica Bond car.

**Daily Echo Sport** What's Crawley worried about?  
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HAMPSHIRE BACKING TWENTY20 REVAMP - PAGE 60

## HARDEST TIMES ARE OVER

**JULY 14, 2008:** Michael Wilde promises 'the hardest times are over.' Not the most accurate statement made by a Saints director ever ...

**Daily Echo Sport** Extra-time cash windfall for Hunt  
SEE MONDAY SPORT POLL  
THE BEST WEEKEND COVERAGE - SEE MONDAY SPORT

## DON'T BLAME INEXPERIENCE

**OCT 6, 2008:** Saints crash 4-1 at Coventry, but Poortvliet admits it would be wrong to put the bad results down to having a young squad.

**Daily Echo Sport** Le Tiss, Pele and Desmond Tutu!  
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POORTVLIET AIMING TO GET SAINTS ON THE RIGHT ROAD - SEE PAGE 75

## LALLANA LEADS BY EXAMPLE

**JULY 24, 2008:** Adam Lallana backs the decision to promote many of Saints' most promising youngsters into the first team squad.

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## BRADLEY BASHES THE BOOKIES!

**NOV 24, 2008:** Bradley Wright-Phillips scores twice as Saints pull off a shock 2-1 victory at high-flying Reading.

**Daily Echo Sport** Saga's training with reserves  
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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL IS BACK! - SEE PAGES 78 & 79

## THE GREATEST COMEBACK SINCE LAZARUS!

**AUG 8, 2008:** After 991 days since his last first team appearance, Michael Svensson is poised to play in the season opener.

**Daily Echo Sport** Poortvliet calls for decisive action  
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PARK SCRATCHINGS: MARK ONE v WILDERN UNITED - P64-65

## WE'LL TURN IT AROUND - JAN

**NOV 27, 2008:** Poortvliet still hopeful after Saints are held 0-0 by Plymouth in front of a crowd of under 15,000 at St Mary's.

**Daily Echo Sport** Wotte praying for safe Saga return!  
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TYRO LEAGUE GOALKEEPER SIGNS FOR CHELSEA - PAGE 55

## SAINTS' DARKEST HOUR

**APR 1, 2009:** The back page of the same day's Echo summed up the mood perfectly at St Mary's - Saints' darkest hour.

EKEND .... SAINTS LEGEND LAWRIE McMENEMY'S COLUMN IS IN THE ECHO EVERY SATURDAY

# Saints Spotlight

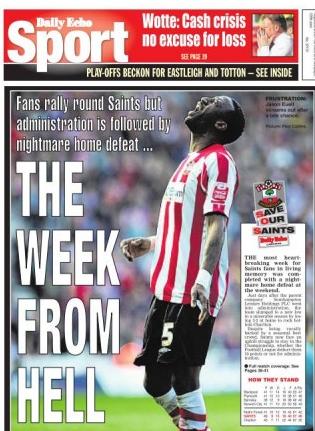
2009 ... Saints teetering on brink of oblivion before Markus takes over



**APR 3, 2009:** Rupert Lowe leaves St Mary's, for the second time in four years, after Saints' parent company entered administration.



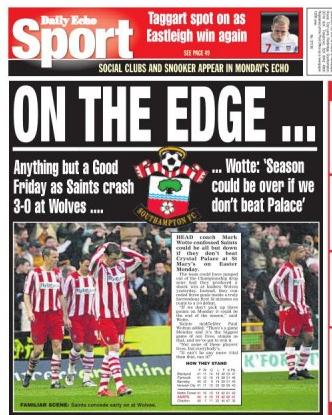
**APR 4, 2009:** The Echo reveals that administrator Mark Fry has already been inundated with inquiries to buy Saints.



**APR 6, 2009:** A horrendous few days for Saints continues as the club are beaten 3-2 at home by relegation rivals Charlton Athletic.



**APR 11, 2009:** The Echo reveals that Southampton City Council could come to the club's rescue by buying St Mary's stadium.



**APR 11, 2009:** On the field, Saints' slump continues with a 3-0 defeat at Wolves on Good Friday.



**APR 20, 2009:** Saints are almost down after losing 2-0 at Sheffield Wednesday. Mark Wotte can't bear to watch.



**APR 27, 2009:** Saints' second relegation in five miserable seasons is confirmed as they are held 2-2 at home by Burnley.



**MAY 4, 2009:** Saints' disastrous season ends with a 3-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest.



**MAY 5, 2009:** Matt Le Tissier to join a consortium to save Saints, while it's revealed Jan Poortvliet was on just £60,000 a year as Saints boss.



**MAY 28, 2009:** Administrator Mark Fry admits Saints are running out of time in order to find a saviour.



**JUNE 26, 2009:** The Echo reveals that Michael Fialka, who appeared on Sky TV as Saints' apparent saviour, was nothing of the kind.



**JUNE 27, 2009:** More worrying messages from administrator Mark Fry as time ticks on and no new owner is found.



**JULY 1, 2009:** More bad news as Andrew Surman joins Wolves, David McGoldrick joins Forest, and Kelvin Davis is off to West Ham.



**JULY 6, 2009:** At last, some good news from Mark Fry who reveals he is confident he can clinch a deal with a mystery Swiss consortium.



**JULY 7, 2009:** Markus Liebherr is finally unveiled as Saints' new owner, 97 days after the club were put in administration.

# Saints Spotlight

2009 ... Wotte departs, Pardew arrives, and so does goal ace Rickie

## Sport



### MARKUS IS THE 'IDEAL' OWNER

**EXCLUSIVE:** 'Very sensible' Swiss – but rival group are not happy

**SAINTS' potential new owner Markus Liebherr has been described as 'the ideal man' by his former manager Gordon Strachan. But the Swiss businessman, who has already invested £10m in the club, faces competition from another group who are also interested in buying the club. The new owner will be revealed on Friday.**

**JULY 8, 2009:** The initial news regarding Markus Liebherr is good as Saints fans start to put the worries of the past months behind them.

## Daily Echo

### HERE WE GO AT LAST!

- Countdown now to new season
- Drama of final day
- Crouch – set to lose £1m?

**£500 TO SPEND AT TESCO** **KIDS GO FREE AT BLUE REEF**

### PASSION OF FANS SWUNG SAINTS DEAL

**EXCLUSIVE:** Saints fans are the ones behind Bernd Stange's decision to leave the club. The German coach had been offered a new deal but turned it down because he wanted to stay at St Mary's.

**JULY 9, 2009:** Markus Liebherr's right hand man, Nicola Cortese, reveals that Liebherr was inspired by the passion of Saints' fans.

## Sport

**Sympathy for Wotte: Skipper Davis's view on sacking of boss**

**Mark Wotte gives his reaction to his Saints sacking...**

**DEVASTATED!**



**JULY 10, 2009:** The Liebherr regime is barely in place at St Mary's when they sack manager Mark Wotte.

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**Fry: Hardest job was to make Lovren Administrator talks...**

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**OLD BOSS POPS BACK TO ST MARY'S BUT...**

**DON'T BET ON STRACHAN RETURN!**



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**Another century from Carberry**

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**WIN A PAIR OF SAINTS SEASON TICKETS FOR 2009-10**

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**IT'S SAINT PARDEW!**

**EXCLUSIVE: Alan to celebrate birthday as new boss ...**



**ALAN PARDWELL**

**GOALS: Alan Pardew, right, scores in Saints' 2-1 win over Millwall**

**GORDON STRACHAN**

**JULY 17, 2009:** Eventually, though, former West Ham manager Alan Pardew is chosen as the man to oversee Saints' recovery.

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### AL-ELLUJAH!

**Saints supporters hoping new boss Pardew will be the club's saviour**

**MANN WELCOMES: Alan Pardew waves to St Mary's fans after his first game in charge**

**JULY 20, 2009:** Pardew waves to the St Mary's faithful, and Markus Liebherr is also present to see Saints lose 4-1 to Luis Suarez' Ajax.

## Sport



### NOT BAD FOR STARTERS

**... but Pardew insists: We must be stronger, fitter and more powerful**

**AUG 10, 2009:** Matt Paterson is pictured scoring Saints' first third division goal since 1960, in a 1-1 opening day draw with Millwall.

## Sport



### PUT YOUR SHIRT ON ME

**Gray 'desperate to get one over' on Saints**

**Lambert: I'm fully confident that I can score a lot of goals this season**

**AUG 11, 2009:** Rickie Lambert is signed for £1m from Bristol Rovers, and immediately pledges to score lots of goals. He is true to his word.

## Sport



### Lambert is Saints' new star

**RICKIE LAMBERT described his goal-scoring debut for Southampton as 'a dream come true'**

**PUT YOUR SHIRT ON ME**

**AUG 12, 2009:** Rickie Lambert scores on his Saints debut, a day after signing, in a 2-0 League Cup win over Northampton at St Mary's.

## Sport



### SPOT OF RELIEF

**Rickie's double penalty strike seals first win**

**RICKIE LAMBERT converted two penalties in his debut for Southampton in the League Cup**

**SEPT 21, 2009:** Rickie Lambert converts two penalties as Saints finally get their first League 1 win at the seventh attempt against Yeovil.

## Sport



### SAINTS ARE SPOT ON

**Ervin ranks highly for Hampshire**

**Strugglers Torquay take it to penalties, but...**

**OCT 7, 2009:** Saints beat Torquay on penalties in their first ever Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie at St Mary's.

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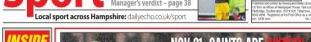
### ROVER THE MOON!

**Connolly's Cup double helps Saints reach round two**

**ROVER THE MOON!**

**NOV 7, 2009:** David Connolly celebrates one of his two goals as Saints win a Friday night FA Cup tie 3-2 at Bristol Rovers.

## Sport



### NOV 21: SAINTS ARE JAZZEN POINTS OFF THE PLAY-OFFS

**DEC 5: THE CAP'S DOWN TO ZERO AFTER AWAY SUCCESS**

**ONWARDS AND UPWARDS**

**DEC 7, 2009:** The Saints' recovery is well under way now, and Rickie Lambert scores again in a 3-1 victory at Walsall.

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### SAINTS V POMPEY!

**Arch rivals clash at St Mary's in FA Cup last 16**

**PARDS HASN'T FINISHED TRANSFER WINDOW YET – page 39**

**JAN 25, 2010:** Saints' reward for a shock FA Cup fourth round home win against higher division Ipswich is a tie against Pompey.

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### WE COME!

**Alan Pardew's view on reaching the Wembley final**

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**FEB 10, 2010:** Saints fans celebrate as their team beat MK Dons to reach the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley.

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**2010 ... Saints lift JPT in front of 50,000 plus fans at Wembley**



**FEB 13, 2010:** Pardew promises Saints will go on the attack against Pompey in the FA Cup fifth round derby.



**FEB 15, 2010:** Saints lose 4-1 to Pompey, but Pardew is confident for the league games that follow.



**MAR 3, 2010:** A few days after beating Walsall 5-1 at St Mary's, Saints thrash Huddersfield 5-0.



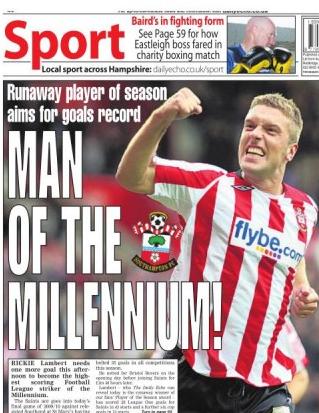
**MAR 22, 2010:** Rickie Lambert scores his first hat-trick for Saints in a 3-0 win at MK Dons.



**MAR 28, 2010:** The back page of the Daily Echo on the day before Saints face Carlisle in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley.



**MAR 29, 2010:** Over 50,000 Saints fans descend on the national stadium to see Alan Pardew's men thrash Carlisle 4-1 to lift the JPT silverware. The Daily Echo celebrates the achievement with a 24-page souvenir pullout and a special wrap-around front and page back poster.



**MAY 8, 2010:** To no-one's surprise, Rickie Lambert is the runaway winner of the Daily Echo Saints player of the year award.



**MAY 10, 2010:** Saints finish the season by beating Southend, and Alan Pardew is desperate to stay on as speculation mounts he might go.



**MAY 12, 2010:** Legend Matt Le Tissier comes out backing Pardew as Saints fail to give their manager any public messages of support.



**MAY 14, 2010:** Finally, Saints give Alan Pardew the green light to carry on as manager, ending a week of speculation.



**AUG 12, 2010:** Sad news for everyone at Saints as owner Markus Liebherr dies.



**AUG 12, 2010:** The back page of the Echo describes Liebherr as a Saints legend, even though he had been owner for just over a year.



**AUG 23, 2010:** In their first game since Liebherr's death, Saints can only draw 1-1 at home to Leyton Orient.

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# Saints Spotlight

2011 ... Saints storm to automatic promotion from third division ...

## Sport

**MARQUEE SIGNING**

Adkins hails Lallana after star signs new contract

**SAINTS' SUPER SIX**

But boss Adkins is playing it cool

**THE CLOCK IS TICKING**

... countdown is on for Alex to stay at St Mary's

**FOR PETE'S SAKE!**

Saints stunned by late spot-kick row

JANUARY 10, 2011: Adam Lallana signs a new contract as Saints shock Premier League Blackpool in the FA Cup third round.

## Sport

Hampshire Cross Country Championships - full results, report and pictures See pages 42-43

**Waterfield stars with two diving golds in Brit Championships**

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**Eastleigh's Wembly dream is over after home Trophy loss**

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JANUARY 13, 2011: Alex Chamberlain shows his delight at scoring as Saints win 6-0 at Oldham Athletic.

## Sport

WAS THE LAST GAME? Saints' last-gasp winner from Paul Tisdale during Manchester United's 3-0 victory

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JAN 31, 2011: Speculation continues to surround Alex Chamberlain, but the transfer window ends with him still at St Mary's.



## Sport

LAMBERT'S BABY JOY AS HE PASSES 50 SAINTS GOALS

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**TRUE LEGENDS**

Lawrie and Le Tissier steal show on Saints' 125th anniversary...

**DAILY ECHO EXCLUSIVE**

Rickie header sees off Carlisle at St Mary's

FEB 7, 2011: Saints draw 4-4 at fellow promotion hopefuls Peterborough, conceding a late penalty.

## Sport

WHY EX-SAINT DEAN WAS JUST A 'COLOSSUS'

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**FOUR-MIDABLE!**

Saints show goal power once again ...

**BRING ON CHERRIES!**

Saints comfortably keep their home fires burning, so...

FEB 28, 2011: Rickie Lambert scores with a header as Saints thump Swindon 4-1 at St Mary's.

## Sport

BRADBURY'S BOYS TAKE A TUMBLE AHEAD OF DERBY

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**DERBY DAY DELIGHT**

Saints close in on top 2

**BACK TO HIS BEST**

Rickie: I was not my normal self - but now I'm feeling great

MAR 9, 2011: It's Lee Barnard scoring with his head this time as Saints beat Yeovil 3-0 at St Mary's.

## Sport

Millwall and Brighton showing interest in Totton ace Gosney

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MAR 14, 2011: Rickie Lambert wheels away after scoring a free kick in Saints' 3-1 derby victory at AFC Bournemouth.

## Sport

Pothas top scores as Hampshire stump in Barbados

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**DEFINING MOMENT?**

How crucial could THIS goal turn out to be?

**RECOVERY COMPLETE** Law returns from injury to score against MK Dons

MAR 21, 2011: Lambert reveals he is feeling great again after struggling for goals in the first half of the season.

## Sport

ADKINS SALUTES SAINTS' BRILLIANT TRAVELLING FANS

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**SECOND IN COMMAND**

Orient flattened as red-hot Saints march on

**ONE FOOT IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saints KO Brighton to close in on promotion

APR 11, 2011: Saints are up into the automatic promotion places after a 2-0 win at Leyton Orient, Rickie Lambert again among the goals.

## Sport

NON-LEAGUE: AFC Totton and Sholing in race to the title

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**ONE FOOT IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**ONE STEP CLOSER**

Saints closing in on promotion after Pools win

APR 25, 2011: Saints close in on promotion by ending champions Brighton's season-long unbeaten home league record.

## Sport

NOW THE STAGS PARTY CAN START FOR STUART...

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**ONE STEP CLOSER**

Saints closing in on promotion after Pools win

**OSCAR WINNERS**

... now Saints can clinch promotion today!

APR 26, 2011: Jose Fonte heads Saints on their way to a 2-0 Easter Monday home win over Hartlepools.

## Sport

JONES BACK IN HANTS SIDE FOR SURREY'S VISIT

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**OSCAR WINNERS**

Oscar Gobern punches the air with delight as he clinches promotion to the Championship

**WE'RE UP!**

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MAY 2, 2011: Oscar Gobern hits the target as Saints win 3-0 at Brentford to take another massive step towards promotion.

## Daily Echo

BIN LADEN DEATH: Victims' family welcome news of

SAINTS MAKE CHAMPIONSHIP RETURN ALL BUT CERTAIN

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MAY 3, 2011: Saints virtually seal promotion to the Championship after a 3-1 Bank Holiday victory at Plymouth.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE HEADLINE IN THIS SOUVENIR SUPPLEMENT?

# Saints Spotlight

**2011 ... Starlet Chambo is sold but Saints make great start to season**



## Sport

Dawson stars again as Hampshire slump to dismal defeat



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# LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Super Saints seal first promotion in 33 years with victory at Plymouth. 8-page celebration special inside

CHARGE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Gordon Simpson

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Eastleigh reveal their plans to go full-time



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# MY PAIN HAS GONE

It's another emotional time for Kelvin two years on ...

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DO SAINTS FANS WANT CHERRIES TO GO UP TOO?

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# HOME IS WHERE THE PARTY IS ...!

SAINTS CAN MATCH THEIR BEST EVER LEAGUE ONE STREAK WITH VICTORY OVER EASTLIGH

By Gordon Simpson

SAINTS can match their best ever League One streak with victory over Eastleigh on Saturday. The club has conceded it will have to sell one of its best young players if it is to raise the £10m needed to buy new players. The club has also agreed to sell its stake in the club's youth academy to the Chinese football association. The club has also agreed to sell its stake in the club's youth academy to the Chinese football association.

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Saints could reward full house with more club records

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# IT'S OFFICIAL SAINTS UP IN STYLE

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**MAY 3, 2011:** Adam Lallana and the rest of the Saints players celebrate in front of their fans after winning at Plymouth.

**MAY 4, 2011:** Kelvin Davis talks about how the pain of relegation and administration in 2009 has finally been replaced by jubilation.

**MAY 6, 2011:** Saints get ready to seal promotion with a full house at St Mary's for the final game of the season against Walsall.

**MAY 9, 2011:** There's thousands of fans on the pitch .. they think it's all over ... it is now! Saints beat Walsall 3-1 to clinch promotion back to the second tier, and a capacity crowd flooded onto the St Mary's pitch to celebrate.

## Sport

HAMPSHIRE'S CRICKETERS ARE A FASHION HIT

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# FAN-TASTIC

Saints best supported in League One

By Gordon Simpson

With the season over, Saints army is on the increase. The club has conceded it will have to sell one of its best young players if it is to raise the £10m needed to buy new players. The club has also agreed to sell its stake in the club's youth academy to the Chinese football association. The club has also agreed to sell its stake in the club's youth academy to the Chinese football association.

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Kabir Ali back in the wickets, but Tykes hit back well ...

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# STARS AND STRIPS!

WELCOME TO Fabulous LAS VEGAS NEVADA

Promotion winners hit the jackpot with trip to 'entertainment capital of the world'

SAINTS' promotion winners are being treated to a week-long trip to Las Vegas. The team have been invited to the city to attend the annual Major League Soccer All-Star game. The trip comes as a result of the club's impressive performance in the Championship this season. The team have been invited to the city to attend the annual Major League Soccer All-Star game. The trip comes as a result of the club's impressive performance in the Championship this season.

By Adam Lallana

Adkins confident Saints have players to make impact in the Championship

ADKINS: Saints boss Nigel Adkins

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SILVERLAKE SHOCKER FOR SAINTS XI

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# PURE QUALITY

NIGEL Adkins the quality complete package

By Adam Lallana

Adkins has already established himself as one of the most popular managers in the country. He has won titles at both Southampton and West Ham United, and has also managed the England national team. Adkins is known for his tactical nous and his ability to identify talent. He has a strong work ethic and is always looking to improve his team. Adkins is also a fan of the game and enjoys watching it. He is a true professional and a credit to the club.

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SAINTS v LEEDS BIG MATCH SPECIAL COVERAGE

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# CORKING WEEKEND

Jack stars as Saints open season with stunning victory ...

WHAT Corking

Cork No 1: Jack stars as Saints open season with stunning victory ...

Jack Cork, above, started his career at Southampton before moving to Liverpool and then to West Ham. He has since returned to Southampton and is currently playing for the club's t20 team. Cork is a key player for the club and has helped them to several successes this season.

Cork No 2: Birthday boy Dom leads Hampshire to t20 finals day ...

SAINTS' Adkins' side have now earned the right to play in the t20 finals. The team has been training hard and is looking forward to the match. Cork is a key player for the club and has helped them to several successes this season.

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Dominant Ainslie hits top form at Olympic venue

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# GOLDMINE

CHAMBO SWITCH BOOSTS ACADEMY MILLIONS

COMING UP: Alex Chamberlain has joined Arsenal, above right, in a massive deal. The transfer fee is believed to be around £12 million. Chamberlain is a wonderkid who has already made his mark on the international stage. He is a key player for the club and has helped them to several successes this season.

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**MAY 10, 2011:** Saints ended the season as the best supported club in the third division.

**MAY 11, 2011:** The Echo reveals how Nicola Cortese is funding an end of season trip to Las Vegas for the club's promotion winners.

**AUG 4, 2011:** Nigel Adkins is happy with his squad ahead of Saints' return to the Championship.

**AUG 8, 2011:** Jack Cork helps Saints beat Leeds, while Dominic Cork skips Hampshire to the t20 finals.

**AUG 11, 2011:** Alex Chamberlain completes a £12m move to Arsenal, another great deal for the Saints academy.

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WHAT NOW FOR SAINTS ACE DAN AFTER FOX SIGNS?

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# £4.5m Jay

Saints fail with club record Rod bid ...

By Gordon Simpson

Rod's bid for Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez was £4.5m. The club has now signed him for £4.5m. The club has also signed him for £4.5m.

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CONNOLLY: WHY I'M HAPPY TO BE UNDER PRESSURE

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# TYKE THAT!

Adkins praise as Saints claim another record

By Gordon Simpson

WELL DONE: Goalkeeper David Connolly, left, celebrates after scoring a goal for the club. The club has also signed him for £4.5m.

THANKS A LOT: Adam Lallana salutes the fans at Barnsley.

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## Sport

WIN TICKETS TO MOTOCROSS GP AT MATTERLEY BASIN

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# THE REAL DEAL

Lambert and Saints show their Championship class

By Gordon Simpson

RICKIE Lambert revealed his goal for the season. He wants to score 10 goals. The club has also signed him for £4.5m.

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BRITISH MOTOCROSS AT WINCHESTER - SPECIAL FEATURE

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# WE CAN GRIND IT OUT

There's more to Saints than 'scintillating' football

By Adam Lallana

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# RICKIE'S FORTRESS

Hat-trick sets up new club record

By Gordon Simpson

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**AUG 13, 2011:** The Echo reveals how Saints have failed with a £4.5m bid for Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez.

**AUG 15, 2011:** Adam Lallana salutes the travelling Saints fans after a 1-0 victory at Barnsley.

**AUG 17, 2011:** Rickie Lambert all smiles on the back page after scoring one of his two goals in a stunning 5-2 success at Ipswich.

**AUG 22, 2011:** Guly grabs the only goal as Saints win again, 1-0 at home to Millwall.

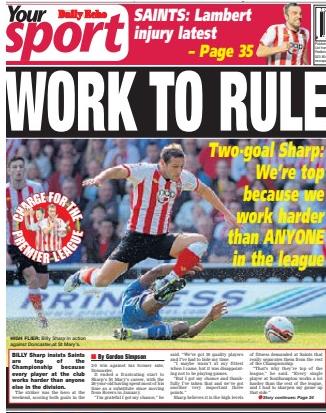
**SEPT 12, 2011:** Rickie Lambert scores a hat-trick in a 3-2 St Mary's win against Nottingham Forest.

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# Saints Spotlight

Lambert ends with four hat-tricks as Saints clinch another promotion



**MAR 26, 2012:** Billy Sharp scores twice against former club Doncaster and then praises Saints' work ethic under Nigel Adkins.



**APR 9, 2012:** Saints are held to a 2-2 draw at St Mary's by relegation-haunted neighbours Pompey ...



**APR 10, 2012:** ... but that poor result is forgotten on Easter Monday as two Rickie Lambert goals give Saints victory at Crystal Palace.



**APR 14, 2012:** Lambert holds his head in his hands as promotion rivals Reading win 3-1 at St Mary's.  
**APR 18, 2012:** Billy Sharp scores twice as Saints take a giant step towards promotion with a 3-1 success at Peterborough.



**APR 23, 2012:** Saints lose at Middlesbrough after taking a first-minute lead through Billy Sharp.



**APR 28, 2012:** The Daily Echo's front page on the day of Saints' final game at home to Coventry. No pressure, lads!



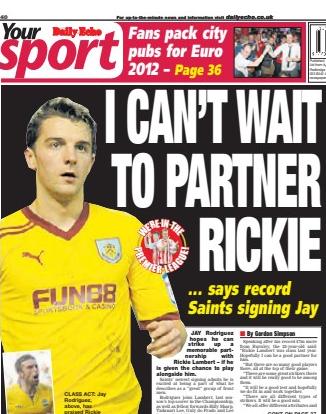
**APR 30, 2012:** Back in the big time! Just seven years after slipping out of the top flight, Saints return to the Premier League. They sealed back to back promotions after beating relegated Coventry 4-0 at a jubilant St Mary's.



**MAY 1, 2012:** For the second year running, the Echo reveals that Saints' promotion winners have been promised a trip to Las Vegas.



**MAY 3, 2012:** Saints are linked with Spanish playmaker Michu, who eventually signs for Swansea and makes a big Premier League impact.



**JUNE 12, 2012:** Saints complete the club record signing of Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez.



**JUNE 13, 2012:** Ex-Burnley ace Ade Akinbiyi tells the Echo that Rodriguez will play for England. He was proved right last month.



**JULY 19, 2012:** Jack Cork talks about his heart scare ahead of playing for Great Britain in the 2012 Olympics.



**JULY 20, 2012:** Saints are linked with heavily tattooed Dutch winger Jeremain Lens.

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Soccer sensation with heart of gold who will be on £70k a week

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GOAL: Saints' Robbie Keane celebrates scoring against Manchester City

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**Adkins defends his triple change**  
GOAL: Saints' Robbie Keane scores against Manchester United

**SEPT 3, 2012:** Saints lose 3-2 at home to Manchester United, and are then linked with Italian legend Allesandro Del Piero.



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We're all in this together, insists Nigel Adkins

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... even Nigel isn't sure of his own future now

**OCT 22, 2012:** Nigel Adkins admits he's unsure on his own future after Saints had thumped 4-1 at West Ham.

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**OCT 31, 2012:** More woe for Adkins as his much-changed Saints side are dumped out of the League Cup at lower division Leeds.

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AGONY: Keeper Steve Mandanda fails to stop a goal

**NOV 6, 2012:** Adkins doesn't want a vote of confidence as Saints crash 2-0 at West Brom to stay in the Premier League drop zone.

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Puncheon goes from outcast to saviour

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**RICKIE TO THE RESCUE**  
Lambert's penalty earns Saints a draw at Fulham

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Adkins defends striker after 'diving' controversy

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Saints stun Chelsea with blistering second half fight back

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**DEC 27, 2012:** Rickie Lambert converts a late penalty to give Saints a 1-1 Boxing Day draw at Fulham.

**JAN 7, 2013:** Saints' search for new players is stepped up after a 5-1 home loss to Chelsea in the third round of the FA Cup.

**JAN 14, 2013:** Jay Rodriguez is accused of diving to win the penalty which gave Saints victory at Aston Villa.

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## ADKINS OUT ... POCHETTINO IN

**Day of drama as new boss arrives**

Saints fans have reacted with shock after a day of drama at St Mary's saw Nigel Adkins sacked and replaced by Mauricio Pochettino.

By Adam Letts

**JAN 19, 2013:** On a dramatic day, Nigel Adkins is sacked and Mauricio Pochettino appointed in his place at St Mary's.

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## PEP'S A FAN!

**Guardiola praise for new Saints boss after Espanyol youth success**

MARCIOS Pochettino's remarkable academy helped win a dream job at Barcelona, but Pep Guardiola has now joined him at St Mary's.

By Adam Letts

**JAN 21, 2013:** The Echo reveals that ex-Barcelona manager Pep Guardiola is a big Pochettino supporter.

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## I FELT THE KINDNESS

**Pochettino thanks fans for his St Mary's welcome**

MARCIOS Pochettino's remarkable academy helped win a dream job at Barcelona, but Pep Guardiola has now joined him at St Mary's.

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**JAN 22, 2013:** Pochettino thanks Saints fans for the reception he got following a 0-0 St Mary's draw with Everton.

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**'We should have got at least a draw ...'**

NOT THIS TIME: After being beaten 2-0 by Liverpool, Pochettino says he should have got at least a draw.

By Adam Letts

**JAN 31, 2013:** Wayne Rooney scores twice as Manchester United claim a fortunate 2-1 win over Saints at Old Trafford.

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JASON Puncheon netted a goal as Saints beat Manchester City 3-1 in the FA Cup semi-final, but the team had been bought by QPR owner Tony Fernandes for £19.4m.

By Simon Carter

**FEB 11, 2013:** Puncheon on target as Pochettino claims first win with a 3-1 humbling of Manchester City.

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**Rickie milestone in vain as Saints crash on Toon's French day**

RICKIE LAMBERT'S 100th goal for Saints was in vain as Newcastle's French connection give the Toon Army a 4-2 win.

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**Poch's men outgun Reds in St Mary's super show**

JAY Rodriguez and Adam Lallana both score in a 3-1 home win over Liverpool.

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## Jay: I'll repay the faith

**Legend roars: Lambert for England!**

**MICK: ROY MUST PICK RICK**

SAINTS legend Mick Channon urges Roy Hodgson to select Rickie Lambert for the England team.

By Adam Letts

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## TOP 10 TARGET!

**Lallana aims high after away success ...**

ADAM Lallana makes Saints top ten again with a hat-trick against Reading.

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SAINTS' hopes of playing European football next season are in jeopardy after they were sent off against West Brom.

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**Punch delight as Saints virtually secure survival**

JASON Puncheon netted Saint's second goal in a 3-1 home win over Sunderland.

By Adam Letts

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## SAINTS IN £8m SWOOP

**Croatian defender is first summer recruit**

Dejan Lovren has signed for Saints in a £8m deal.

By Adam Letts

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## SAINTS SPREE TO TOP £50M?

**Gordon Simpson**

**SAINTS will take their spending on transfer fees to the £50 million mark if they sign Victor Wanyama from Celtic.**

**TOP DOLLAR:** Signing Victor Wanyama would take Saints spending to £50m.

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## SAINTS WRAP UP £15M DEAL

**Italian striker Osvaldo agrees to Saints move**

**SAINTS have signed Italian striker Antonio Di Natale on a three-year deal worth £15m.**

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## DRAMA ON THE FINAL DAY?

**Will Poch add more new faces?**

MAURICIO Pochettino has confessed that Saints transfer window shopping might not be over yet.

By Adam Letts

**MAY 13, 2013:** Saints secure their Premier League status by coming from behind to draw 1-1 at Sunderland in their penultimate fixture.

**JUNE 15, 2013:** Saints make their first signing of the close season by bringing in Croatian centre half Dejan Lovren.

**JULY 11, 2013:** Saints complete the signing of Celtic's Victor Wanyama, taking their spending to over £50m since returning to the Premier.

**AUG 19, 2013:** Dani Osvaldo arrives in a record £15m deal after Rickie Lambert's late penalty gave Saints victory at West Brom.

**SEPT 2, 2013:** Despite the headline, there were no big deals at St Mary's on the final day of the summer transfer window.

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**RED MISSED!**  
Saints ace deserved to be sent off for this - Allardyce

Morgan Schneiderlin was at the centre of a penalty debate after West Ham's Adam Lallana was sent off for a foul on him during the game. The referee, Mike Dean, awarded a free kick to West Ham and sent off Lallana for a foul on Schneiderlin.

FLASHPOINT: Morgan Schneiderlin was fouled by Adam Lallana and sent off for a foul on Schneiderlin.

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**SEPT 16, 2013:** West Ham are furious that Morgan Schneiderlin wasn't sent off for this foul during the two clubs' 0-0 stalemate.



**ALL SAINTS NEED IS LOVREN**  
Poch had no doubt over Dejan's class

MAURICIO Pochettino has no doubt that Dejan Lovren will be a key player for Southampton next season. The 26-year-old defender has been impressive since his arrival from Liverpool and has established himself as a central figure in the team.

FLASHPOINT: Morgan Schneiderlin was fouled by Adam Lallana and sent off for a foul on Schneiderlin.

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**SEPT 23, 2013:** Dejan Lovren celebrates his memorable winner at Liverpool, who started the game top of the Premier League table.



**OSSIE RULES**  
Poch hails the maturity of his 'hot head' ace

MAURICIO Pochettino has hailed the 'mature' Dani Osvaldo as the club's record signing so far this summer. The 26-year-old striker has scored three goals in his first four games for the club.

FLASHPOINT: Dani Osvaldo celebrates after scoring his first goal for Saints in a 2-0 St Mary's victory over Crystal Palace.

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**SEPT 30, 2013:** Dani Osvaldo celebrates after scoring his first goal for Saints in a 2-0 St Mary's victory over Crystal Palace.



**SKY'S THE LIMIT**  
Boss Pochettino hails 'brave' Saints

MAURICIO Pochettino says the sky's the limit for his 'brave' Saints. The 26-year-old Adam Lallana has scored a hat-trick in his last two games for the club.

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Jose Fonte of the final whistle.

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**OCT 21, 2013:** Another great result for Saints, a last minute Adam Lallana leveller giving them a rare point at Old Trafford.



**EXTRAORDINARY**  
Poch salutes super Saints after great display

MAURICIO Pochettino has labelled his 'extraordinary' Saints as 'a team to be reckoned with' after they beat Fulham 3-2 to complete the double at Old Trafford.

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Jose Fonte of the final whistle.

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**OCT 28, 2013:** Rickie Lambert celebrates his goal as Saints comfortably record another home victory, this time against Fulham.



**THE 5 LIONS!**  
Lambert, Lallana and Rodriguez all picked for England senior, Ward-Prowse and Shaw in Under-21s ... and Clyne is always in our thoughts says national boss

Southampton are becoming a very good club as far as England are concerned in terms of providing players - Roy Hodgson lavishes praise on high-flying Saints

Why we picked Saints stars for England: See pages 58/59

**NOV 8, 2013:** Saints have five players – Lallana, Lambert, Rodriguez, Ward-Prowse and Shaw – called up for the senior & U21 England squads



**MY INSPIRATION**  
J-Rod thrilled by England chance - Pg 43

CAPTION: FANTASTIC: Adam Lallana scores his first senior goal against Hull City, watched by James Ward-Prowse.

Lallana aims to emulate mate Rickie

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana scores his first senior goal against Hull City, watched by James Ward-Prowse.

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**NOV 11, 2013:** James Ward-Prowse pays tribute to Adam Lallana after Saints thrash Hull 4-1 to move up to third place.



**BORUC BACKED**  
Morgan: We can upset Prem League - P42

FLASHPOINT: Artur Boruc makes a mistake during the match against Arsenal.

Saints boss's 100 per cent support for blunder keeper

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**NOV 25, 2013:** Pochettino backing for keeper Artur Boruc after a nightmare error gifts Arsenal a goal at The Emirates.



**SAINTS TAKE A DIVE**  
Poch not impressed by set-piece slip-ups

FLASHPOINT: Artur Boruc makes a mistake during the match against Chelsea.

GROUNDED: Victor Wanyama sprawls under the challenge of Chelsea's Ramires.

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**DEC 2, 2013:** Saints lose for the second weekend running in the capital, going down 3-1 at Chelsea after taking a first minute lead.



**ONE IN A THOUSAND**  
Poch can't believe Saints lose at home to Villa

FLASHPOINT: Artur Boruc makes a mistake during the match against Chelsea.

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**DEC 5, 2013:** Pochettino can't believe Saints have lost to Aston Villa despite having 77 per cent of the possession.



**WIZARD OF OS**  
Poch hails his record signing's growing maturity

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana celebrates his goal against Manchester City.

CELEBRATION TIME: Adam Lallana celebrates his goal against Manchester City.

PURDEY: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

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**DEC 9, 2013:** Record signing Dani Osvaldo scores a great goal as injury-hit Saints hold free-scoring Manchester City at St Mary's.



**NEVER AGAIN!**  
Poch promising no repeat of ugly brawl

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

PURDEY: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

Purdey backs his former Saint Lallana to make World Cup - page 46

**DEC 16, 2013:** Pochettino pledges there will be no repeat of the melee involving his bench at Newcastle.



**WE NEED A NEW KEEPER!**  
Boss - no need for Saints to panic - P44/45

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

PURDEY: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

Saints have joint best defensive record in top flight, but Echo fans poll result tells Poch ...

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**DEC 19, 2013:** An Echo fans poll reveal most fans want Saints to sign a new goalkeeper in the January transfer window.



**GIFT RAPPED!**  
Pochettino slams 'Santa Claus' Saints

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

HOLDING FIRM: Calum Chambers keeps his feet after being challenged by Emmanuel Adebayor.

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**DEC 23, 2013:** Pochettino furious after Saints gift Spurs a 3-2 victory at St Mary's.



**WEDDED BLISS!**  
Christmas Eve: Lallana gets married. Christmas Day: Called in for training. Boxing Day: Stars in away win

FLASHPOINT: Adam Lallana makes a gesture to the crowd after his goal.

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**DECEMBER 27, 2013:** Newly married Lallana stars as Saints romp to Boxing Day win in Cardiff ... scene of the FA Cup final all those years ago !!!!

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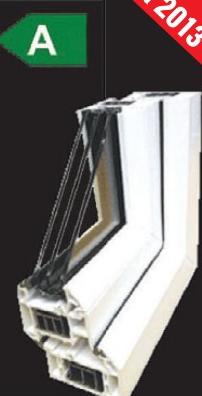
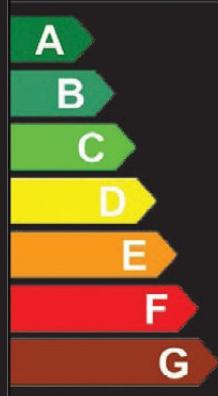
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Agbonlahor 7		Lamah 36	
HT 1-1		Att 37,028	
Cardiff.....	L	Sunderlnd.....	L
HT L-L			
Hull.....	6	Fulham.....	0
Elmohamady 49			
Koren 60,84			
Boyd 63			
Huddlestone 67			
Fryatt 74			
HT 0-0			
At 23,925			
Man City.....	1	Crystal P.....	0
Dzeko 66			
HT 0-0			
At 47,107			
Norwich.....	0	Man Utd.....	1
HT 0-0			
Welbeck 57			
At 26,851			
West Ham.....	3	W.B.A.....	3
J Cole 4		Anelka 40,45	
Maiga 65		Berahino 69	
Nolan 67			
HT 1-2			
At 34,946			

**SkyBet League Two**

	HOME	AWAY		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Chesterfld	22	6	4	2	15	8	5	3	2	17	10	40			
Oxford Utd	22	4	4	4	14	12	6	4	0	20	7	38			
Scunthorpe	22	6	2	2	13	9	4	6	2	18	15	38			
Burton A	22	5	3	4	12	11	6	2	2	14	11	38			
Newport C	21	7	1	1	21	9	3	6	3	9	12	37			
Southend	22	5	3	3	14	9	6	1	4	13	10	37			
Rochdale	22	8	1	3	24	15	3	3	4	9	13	37			
Fleetwood T	22	5	2	4	23	18	6	0	5	11	10	35			
Morecambe	23	5	4	3	17	14	5	1	5	11	16	35			
Cheltenham	23	3	7	2	17	15	5	2	4	13	16	33			
Dagenham	22	6	2	2	16	7	2	4	6	13	20	30			
Exeter	22	4	1	5	11	15	4	4	4	16	15	29			
Plymouth	22	5	3	3	8	9	3	2	6	11	15	29			
Hartlepool	22	5	2	4	13	11	2	5	4	12	13	28			
Wycombe	22	3	5	12	14	4	3	4	17	15	27				
Wimbledon	21	5	3	15	10	2	3	5	8	15	27				
POMPEY	22	5	1	6	16	17	1	6	3	12	19	25			
Acc Stanley	22	3	4	5	14	15	3	2	5	10	15	24			
Bristol R	22	4	2	13	9	1	4	7	7	14	23				
Motherwell	18	6	0	3	13	15	5	1	3	9	9	34			
Inverness CT	17	6	0	2	17	7	4	3	2	9	8	33			
Dundee Utd	18	6	1	2	20	6	3	4	2	15	10	32			
Aberdeen	18	5	1	3	11	7	5	1	3	17	11	32			
St Johnstn	17	5	1	3	16	7	1	3	4	6	11	22			
Hibernian	18	1	5	3	5	8	4	1	4	7	8	21			
St Mirren	17	3	4	2	13	10	2	0	6	5	17	19			
Kilmarnock	18	3	1	5	11	16	2	2	5	12	13	18			
Partick	17	0	4	4	3	11	3	2	4	11	16	15			
Ross Cnty	17	3	0	6	12	18	0	2	6	5	16	11			
Hearts	18	2	2	5	6	16	1	1	7	7	17	3			
Northmpn	22	3	4	3	12	13	1	2	9	5	17	18			

**Scottish Premiership**

	HOME	AWAY		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	Pt
Celtic	17	6	2	0	15	6	8	1	0	24	6	45
Motherwell	18	6	0	3	13	15	5	1	3	9	9	34
Inverness CT	17	6	0	2	17	7	4	3	2	9	8	33
Dundee Utd	18	6	1	2	20	6	3	4	2	15	10	32
Aberdeen	18	5	1	3	11	7	5	1	3	17	11	32
St Johnstn	17	5	1	3	16	7	1	3	4	6	11	22
Hibernian	18	1	5	3	5	8	4	1	4	7	8	21
St Mirren	17	3	4	2	13	10	2	0	6	5	17	19
Kilmarnock	18	3	1	5	11	16	2	2	5	12	13	18
Partick	17	0	4	4	3	11	3	2	4	11	16	15
Ross Cnty	17	3	0	6	12	18	0	2	6	5	16	11
Hearts	18	2	2	5	6	16	1	1	7	7	17	3
Northmpn	22	3	4	3	11	17	3	0	7	8	14	13

\*Hearts deducted 15 points for entering administration

**Scottish Championship**

Cowdenbth.....	0	Queen Sth.....	2
Burns 45		Russell 65	
HT 0-1			
Dundee.....	3	Dumbarton.....	0
MacDonald 47,90		McBride 82	
HT 0-0			
Att 4,489			
Falkirk.....	0	Alloa.....	0
HT 0-0			
Att 3,417			
Hamilton.....	1	Morton.....	0
Antoine-Curier 24			
HT 1-0			
Att 1,472			
Livingston.....	3	Raith.....	0
Thomson 8 og		Scott 45	
Scougall 62			
HT 2-0			
Att 1,322			

**Scottish League One**

Airdrieonians....	2	Arbroath....	1
Buchanan 59		Donaldson 25	
Trialist 62			
HT 0-1			
Ayr Utd....	2	East Fife....	0
Mofat 32,68			
HT 1-0			
Att 1,059			
Brechin.....	0	Stenhousemuir.....	1
Hodge 38		Att 507	
HT 0-1			
Stranraer.....	P	Forfar.....	P
Postponed - due to power failure.			
Att 641			
Ayr Utd....	2	East Fife....	0
Mofat 32,68			
HT 1-0			
Att 1,059			
Brechin.....	0	Stenhousemuir.....	1
Hodge 38		Att 507	
HT 0-1			
Scottish League Two			
Albion R.....	2	Queen Park.....	1
Cusack 45		Dunlop 84 og	
Chaplin 70			
HT 1-0			
Att 538			
Annan Athletic ..	2	Elgin.....	1
Davidson 78 pen		Sutherland 64	
Mackay 84			
HT 0-0			
Att 401			
Berwick.....	1	Peterhead.....	3
Notman 44		McAllister 5,62	
Gallagher 7		Cowie 76	
HT 1-1			
Att 244			
E Stirling.....	2	Montrose.....	2
Thomson 51		Webster 59	
HT 1-1			
Att 244			
Stirling A.....	1	Clyde.....	1
Weir 69		Sweeney 44	
HT 0-1			
Att 859			

\*Coventry deducted 10 points for entering adminis-tration

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	HOME	AWAY		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	Pt
Luton	25	9	3	0	28	2	3	7	2	9	8	52
Cambridge	24	12	0	2	28	2	3	7	2	9	8	52
Grimsby	23	7	2	3	25	15	6	2	3	12	8	43
Alfreton Tn	25	9	1	2	26	17	5	0	8	16	25	43
Kiddrmstrn	25	9	1	2	29	15	4	2	7	12	22	42
FC Halifax	26	11	2	1	37	12	1	3	8	13	27	41
Nuneaton	25	6	4	3	19	15	5	4	4	17	14	39
Barnet	25	5	2	1	28	12	5	4	4	16	12	38
Gateshead	24	5	3	3	18	13	6	1	6	18	17	37
Maclesfield	24	7	3	3	21	14	3	2	6	14	19	35
Welling U	24	5	4	2	16	10	4	3	6	18	22	34
Boreham W	25	8	1	2	28	9	2	7	2	16	26	33
Concord Rgs.	24	6	2	3	19	13	4	3	7	23	24	32
EASTLEIGH	25	1	4	5	18	12	2	3	7	23	24	32
Ebbesfleet Utd	26	4	1	5	12	16	2	2	7	9	25	21
Dover	26	4										